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CHINESE COMMANDERS AT LOGGERHEADS.

KUOMINTANG POSTPONES CANTON DISCUSSION.

YUNNAN CHAOS REMAINS.

It is now admitted from Peking that the Southern forces have advanced across the Suai River, and are established on the north bank. It is also reported that General Chang Tsung-chang, who is at Tanchowfu, has requested Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to come to his aid, but the latter pleads that he must first obtain money and ammunition. There is reason to believe that friction exists in the Northern camp.

A Hankow message gives details of the dispositions of the Nationalist forces, and adds that differences are stated to exist between the Southern Generals now at Hankow.

An informal meeting of the Kuomintang committees has been held at Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence at Shanghai, at which it was agreed to postpone discussion of the Canton coup until the preliminary Kuomintang conference early next month.

The contending Generals in Yunnan are busy formulating policies, but the settlement of their disputes appears no further advanced. An alliance of peasants, workers, merchants and students, which has been formed to counteract the rampant militarism in the province, has carried out a big demonstration at Yunnanfu.

SHANGHAI WORKERS FIRED UPON.

Peking, Nov. 24. The Canton imbroglio until the preliminary meeting, to be held from December 3 to 5, of the central committees of the Kuomintang. —Reuter.

It is reported that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is remaining at present at Tanchowfu, while General Chang Tsung-chang is at Tanchowfu. The latter has sent a wire to Marshal Sun to come and take over charge of military affairs, but Sun is reported to have declared that he must first obtain the necessary money and ammunition for his troops. According to Chinese reports, serious friction exists between the two commanders, and trouble is apprehended. —Reuter.

TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

Nationalist Generals Quarrel.

Hankow, Nov. 24. The disposition of the Nationalist Armies goes to support reports that a concentration of troops directed against General Ho Chen is now being carried out. The 13th Army is now stationed at Tanchowfu, while the 8th and 9th Armies are about 80 miles east of Chenglin.

Movements of troops include those of the 7th Army, which has gone up the river in the direction of Chenglin, the defences of which have been bombarded by Nationalist gunboats.

Rumours are current of differences here and it is reported that the Nationalist generals at Hankow are not of one mind. It is further reported that General Ho Chen has quarrelled with the Commander of his 36th Army and there seems to be a possibility that this difference may result in the 36th Army Commander going over to the Nationalists. —Naval Wireless.

KUOMINTANG MEETING.

A Shanghai Gathering.

Shanghai, Nov. 24. An informal meeting of the Kuomintang committees convened by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and General Li Chai-sum, met this afternoon at Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence in the French Concession.

There were 23 persons present, of whom seven were the Supervisory Committee, and 14 members of the Central Executive Committee. Two candidates for the latter also attended. Mr. Hu Han-min was a notable absentee. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek presided as chairman.

Canton Issue Postponed.

It is understood that it was agreed to postpone discussion of

SHING MUN VALLEY SCHEME.

HARBOUR PIPE LINE IS
"IN ABEYANCE."

PIPES NOT PURCHASED.

A correspondent recently enquired whether the proposal to bring the waters of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme across the Harbour had been definitely abandoned or merely postponed, and a Telegraph representative, who made enquiries this morning, was officially informed that that part of the scheme was "in abeyance." It would be incorrect, said the official concerned, to say that the idea had been absolutely abandoned. There was, of course, the possibility that it would be, as the Government was investigating other means to augment Hongkong's supply. But, for the moment, the trans-harbour pipe line project was not being proceeded with.

Regarding the suggestion which had been made that the pipes for the harbour line had been purchased by the Government and were already in the Colony, our representative was informed that the pipes had not been purchased and had not even been ordered. The only pipes the Government had were those needed in connexion with enlarging the mains from the reservoirs to a point near King Edward Avenue, which work was part of the scheme to improve the distribution system.

PEKING TAXATION MODIFIED.

MERCHANTS' PROTESTS EFFECTIVE.

Peking, Nov. 24. As the result largely of agitation by the merchants, the Finance Minister announced that the Luxury Tax announced to be coming into operation at the beginning of December, will not be effective until January 1, and then will be much modified, the taxes ranging from 5 to 10 instead of from 10 to 30 per cent, while many articles will be eliminated from the list, including sugar, tea and kerosene oil.

There will also be no tax on stocks held by the merchants, as originally intended. —Reuter.

UNLUCKY KANDY CLUBBIES.

SEGREGATED OWING TO PLAGUE.

Colombo, Nov. 24. Following an outbreak of plague at the Kandy Club, five Europeans and 29 native servants have been segregated as indirect contacts in the barracks.

The Europeans include the chairman of the Kandy Municipal Council. —Reuter.

BRITISH BANK'S AID TO SOVIET.

EGYPTIAN PURCHASES GUARANTEED.

Cairo, Nov. 24. Lloyd's Bank has furnished a letter of guarantee in connection with the Soviet cotton deal with the Egyptian Government, whereby large quantities of the Egyptian cotton crop are being purchased for shipment to Russia. —Reuter.

ANOTHER CRISIS POSSIBLE.

RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ILL.

Bucharest, Nov. 24. The Foreign Minister, M. Titulesco, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and his condition is critical. —Reuter.

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RUMANIAN CRISIS.

EFFECT OF PREMIER'S DEATH.

WILL CAROL RETURN?

Bucharest, Nov. 24. The death is announced of M. Joan Bratiano, Premier of Rumania.

The late Premier's brother Vintila Bratiano has been appointed Premier, and retains the former members of the Cabinet, who have already taken their oaths of office.

Until recently M. Bratiano was actively engaged in taking precautions to safeguard the existing regime in consequence of the intrigues to bring back ex-Crown Prince Carol.

The Premier was stricken with influenza and tonsillitis, for which he underwent a minor operation. He was progressing satisfactorily last night, but succumbed to-day. —Reuter.

Europe Perturbed.

London, Nov. 24.

M. Bratiano's death, which was unexpected, as he was out and about on Sunday, has caused a sensation in the European capitals, where it is recognised his death could hardly have come at a more unhappy moment for Rumania.

Grave political developments are expected, especially a strong revival of the struggle for Prince Carol's return.

The deceased statesman's support of the child King Michael was the main stratum in the latter's accession, but his enemies declared that the ultimate aim was a dictatorship for himself—a position, in fact, which he virtually held for several years.

Vintila Bratiano, the new Premier, has held high posts in Rumanian affairs, and has been a strong second to his brother. It is understood that he is equally opposed to the return of Prince Carol to Rumania, but a Bucharest message states that it is considered the present Government is only provisional, and the formation of a new one is likely, with the collaboration of M. Maniu, the leader of the National Peasant party, which strongly sympathises with Carol.

The Regency Council, which consists of the boy King's uncle, the Patriarch Orlescu, and the President of the Court of Cassation, has had a consultation with Maniu, and with General Averescu, the leader of the People's Party.

A communique has been published which pays a high tribute to the deceased's patriotic services, at home and abroad.

Even the opposition papers un-animously deplore the country's great loss. —Reuter.

Late Premier's Career.

[Joan Bratiano the Rumanian politician, was born in Aug. 1864 at Florica, the estate of his father. The elder Bratiano, who after a chequered career became Premier in 1876 as head of the Liberal party and held the position, till 1893, is the man to whom Rumania owes her independence to the fact that she is a kingdom and her great economic development. Rumania has to thank his son for her large accession of territory arising out of the war.

He studied engineering in Paris and was then employed as an engineer in connexion with the construction of the Rumanian railways. He soon played a part in the political life of his country. Elected to Parliament in 1896, he was appointed Minister of the Interior 2 years later. In 1910 he became leader of the Liberal party and almost simultaneously Premier after the fall of Demotescu. In 1913 he secured the Dobruja from Bulgaria. In view of the gains obtained by the Balkan Allies in the war against Turkey the Rumanians also clamoured for an extension of territory. When therefore during a dispute over the spoil Bulgaria attacked Serbia, Rumania invaded Bulgaria on two sides and forced her to cede the Dobruja.

On the outbreak of the world-war Bratiano in contrast to King Carol who wished to come in on the side of the Central Powers in accordance with Rumania's engagements succeeded in preserving the country's neutrality. The new orientation of Rumanian policy initiated by him led on Aug.

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RECLAMATION WALL SUBSIDENCE.

COST OF REPAIR NOT YET KNOWN.

ENGINEERS INVESTIGATING.

In connexion with the reported subsidence of part of the new sea wall of the Praya East reclamation, a Telegraph representative was officially informed this morning that it cannot yet be ascertained how much extra work will be necessary or how much additional expenditure will be involved.

A length of the new wall has subsided, the dip being over 100 feet in length and about five or six feet deep at its centre point. There is a slip outward as well as a subsidence, which would seem to indicate that the harbour bed has failed to withstand the heavy weight of the rubble foundation and concrete blocks, and that a portion of it has slid away. The investigations originally made did not lead to the conclusion that there was any need specially to strengthen the harbour bed at this point, and the wall there has been built on precisely the same lines and method as has been employed throughout its length.

Public Works Department Engineers are now investigating.

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS DISCUSSIONS.

Peking, Nov. 24. The Diplomatic Corps has held more than one meeting recently to discuss piracy, but no announcement has hitherto been made regarding contemplated steps.

It is understood that the Ministers are still awaiting instructions from their Governments. —Reuter.

HAUL OF CONTRABAND CIGARETTES.

HALF A MILLION SEIZED ON A JUNK.

One of the heaviest captures of contraband cigarettes within recent times was made by the Police yesterday evening, when nearly half a million cigarettes, in nine cases, were seized on board a junk in the harbour.

Further details are lacking, but it is understood the junk people concerned will be brought before the magistrates to-morrow.

GERMAN PRINCESS MARRIES.

POLICE OFFICER AS SECOND HUSBAND.

Berlin, Nov. 24. Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Oldenburg, former wife of Prince Bielefeld, the ex-Kaiser's second son, has been very quietly married at the ducal palace near Oldenburg to Captain Harald von Haldemann, a former police officer of Potsdam. —Reuter.

SOVIET OFFICIALS IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Nov. 24. The Soviet delegation to the Disarmament Commission at Geneva has arrived. M. Litvinoff will see Herr Stresemann before going on to Geneva on November 25. —Reuter.

LORDS APPROVE THE INDIAN ENQUIRY.

London, Nov. 24. The House of Lords without any opposition has adopted a resolution in favour of the appointment of an Indian Enquiry Commission, as nominated by the Government. —Reuter.

OUR DISARMAMENT POLICY.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LABOUR PARTY'S VOTE OF CENSURE DEFEATED.

NAVY LIMITATION PROBLEM

A debate on Britain's policy towards disarmament, with particular reference to the failure of the naval conference at Geneva, and the Government's attitude in not accepting the arbitration principle in the League of Nations discussions, was inaugurated in the House of Commons by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, who moved a vote of censure.

He also referred to the omission to call a preliminary conference on disarmament prior to the Geneva meeting, which he held had contributed towards its failure.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, outlined the policy of the British Government towards world peace, and claimed that we had contributed largely towards the happy results achieved at Locarno. He admitted that there might have been a prior diplomatic meeting to arrange preliminaries for the naval disarmament discussions, but the reason why this was not held was that it might have given the impression that we were not in favour of naval limitation.

As regards the adherence to arbitration, it was a matter, Sir Austen pointed out, for the whole Empire, and not for Britain alone. Other speakers contributed to the debate, and the motion was put to the House and lost by a large majority. A Conservative motion approving of the Government policy was carried by an overwhelming vote.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN EXPLAINS.

London, Nov. 24. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moved a resolution deploring the lack of preparation for the Geneva naval conference and the military character of the British delegation, which had contributed to the failure of the conference, also the Government's refusal to accept the principle of arbitration to promote a scheme for international security guaranteed by the League of Nations.

Mr. MacDonald argued that the only chance of an agreement was to remove the chances of war, and if America and Britain got to an agreement, we need not bother about a navy at all.

Sir Austen Chamberlain repudiated the suggestion that the delegation was of a military character, and emphasised that the conference had been called on the initiative of the United States.

His critics had said that the failure of the Geneva conference was due to the failure to prepare, through diplomatic channels, for a prior meeting of the conference. Sir Austen Chamberlain frankly took on himself some of the blame for this. The only reason why diplomatic preparation was not made was that Britain should appear to be opposed to the attempt further to limit naval armament.

A Matter for the Empire.

As regard the British attitude towards the optional clause in the League Covenant, Sir Austen Chamberlain stressed the necessity for the whole Empire acting together. Even if we signed the clause, we could only do so with reservations.

He stressed the immense contribution we had made to the Locarno agreement, and towards European security.

Commander Kenworthy said he would like to see Japan call a new naval conference at Tokyo.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that until the disarmament commission ended conscription in Europe, they would never achieve anything.

The Labour motion was defeated by 316 to 105. A Conservative amendment for that purpose was then moved by Mr. Woodcock, of so extensive and deep a character, as practically of the Government, and this was carried by 288 to 66. —Reuter.

Delegation Not Military.

First Lord's Statement.

Replying to the criticism that the British delegation to the Three Powers Naval Conference at Geneva was of military character, Sir Austen Chamberlain said the British delegation consisted of two important British proposals at the Geneva related to the reduction in the size of battleships. He hoped,

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CASE AGAINST BOATMEN RE-HEARD.

The re-hearing of the case in which three Chinese boatmen were charged with having 500 taels of prepared opium in their possession on board their fishing boat was commenced at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when at the conclusion of the case for the prosecution, Mr. A. E. Hall, who defended, submitted that there was no case for him to answer. After some argument his Worship adjourned the case for one week to consider the points raised.

It will be recalled that at the original hearing the first defendant, the master of the boat, was fined \$4,000 and the two foks \$1,000 each.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted.

The first witness called was a Chinese revenue officer who said that on the instructions of R. O. Lanigan, he engaged a sampan at 1.30 a.m., on November 8, to patrol the waters between Nos. 3 and 5 wharves of the Kowloon Godown, to watch for a certain boat.

About 2.45 a.m. witness saw a sampan being rowed towards the No. 4 Kowloon Wharf and the boat in which were the witness and another officer was turned in the direction taken by the sampan. When within fifteen yards of the strange boat, witness shouted to it to stop. A man at the stern was seen to throw something overboard, while the boat itself was veered round and made for the open waters.

Attempted Escape.

Revenue Officer Ward was also on the scene in another boat and on seeing the strangers attempting to escape he fired a shot into the water with the result that the suspected sampan stopped, and the officers allowed to board.

Later the harbour was dredged and a piece of rope to which was attached a parcel and a piece of iron was brought up from the bottom of the harbour. Three men on the sampan were then taken to R. O. Lanigan's office where they were questioned by R. O. Lanigan.

When asked if the parcel retrieved from the harbour was the same one as was discarded from the defendant's boat all three men replied that it was. In answer to a further question, the first defendant said that the parcel contained one hundred five-tael tins of opium.

R. O. Ward, in evidence, said that acting on information he went to the Kowloon Godowns by sampan and found that the Kowloon Revenue officers were there awaiting the arrival of a certain boat. Witness went to the Imports and Exports office on the old Police Pier and saw R. O. Lanigan.

After a conversation witness found that both parties were acting on the same information.

Witness gave corroborative evidence regarding the boarding of the defendants' boat and the discovery of the opium.

Question of Possession.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hall, witness replied that he was unable to say which of the defendants threw the parcel overboard.

Revenue Officer Lanigan gave evidence of the movements subsequent to the discovery of the opium and when cross-examined by Mr. Hall he said that the second and third defendants were taken away by him when he went to get the two dredging boats so that he could have better control over them. The first defendant was in the custody of R. O. Ward.

R. O. Lanigan admitted that when the statements were made by the defendants in reply to questions, they had not been previously cautioned. Witness also agreed that it would be wrong to say that the defendants were in possession of the opium on board their boat as the contraband was fished up from the bottom of the

WIRELESS IN CHINA.

PEKING GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE TO THE POWERS.

Washington, Nov. 24. At the radio conference, the delegate of the Peking Government served notice that the Chinese Government will not, without its expressed consent, recognise the right of any foreign power or its nationals to install or operate any radio station in any part of its territory. This applies to any station erected in Legation grounds, settlements, concessions and leased territory.

The notice declares that nothing said or done at the conference, or included in the final convention, can modify the Chinese position, as China is sovereign of her own territory, whether it is temporarily alienated or not.—Reuter's American Service.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING

WATERFRONT POSITION IS BECOMING SERIOUS.

Melbourne, Nov. 24. The joint conference of the Oversea Interstate Shipowners, which considered the Waterside Workers' overtime strike, have decided for the future to insist in the full observance of all awards and agreements with Waterside Workers' Federation. The latter declare that the decision is tantamount to a challenge which will make a prolonged struggle inevitable. The position on the waterfront here is gradually becoming worse and the movement of vessels increasingly interrupted.

Canberra, Nov. 24. In the House of Representatives Mr. Bruce said that the Government would do their best to protect the primary producers who found it necessary to handle their own perishable goods during the waterside dispute.—Reuter.

At the conclusion of the evidence of R. O. Lanigan, Mr. Hall submitted that he had no case to answer. He pointed out that there was no link connecting the parcel found in the harbour with the parcel which was said to have been thrown overboard by someone on the defendants' boat.

Mr. Hall also argued that the statements made by the defendants to R. O. Lanigan were not admissible as evidence, as they had not been cautioned.

Mr. Hall further submitted that the charge as it stood should be quashed. The defendants were charged with being in possession of the opium on board their boat whereas it was actually found at the bottom of the harbour.

Regarding to second and third defendants, Mr. Hall asked for their discharge as they were merely foks.

After consideration his Worship accepted the statements made by the defendants as evidence.

Mr. Hall referred his Worship to Archibald stating that the Law on that point was quite clear. A prisoner in custody could not be questioned unless cautioned.

In reply to his Worship Mr. Sayer said that there was no evidence that the second and third defendants were not foks of the first defendant. Mr. Sayer submitted, however, that the onus of proof was not on him.

Mr. Hall argued that the defendants having told the revenue officers when arrested that they were merely foks, it was up to the prosecution to rebut that statement.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. Hall that that statement, on the same principle of Mr. Hall's argument, was not admissible as evidence.

Mr. Hall replied that that only applied to a man saying anything which would incriminate himself whereas the statements referred to by his Worship were made to exonerate the two men.

His Worship said that he would adjourn the case till next week to consider the points raised.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 305.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant.

1. Annual Camp.

Full particulars regarding annual camps which take place between 1st December and 18th December have been issued to all ranks on 18th November, 1927 by type-written circular. O. C. Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. by 9 a.m. on Monday, 28th November, Wednesday, 7th and 14th December the number of all ranks attending camp, stating first meal and number of subsequent meals required so that rations can be arranged.

Dress: Marching Order, i.e. helmet, rifle, bayonet, belt, sidearms, pouches, braces, haversack, waterbottle, greatcoat (where issued), shorts, puttees, hose tops and boots. Scottish as above, but kilt, khaki hose-tops and flashes. Glengarrys to be worn from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Khaki slacks may be worn after evening parades when not on duty.

2. Artillery Company.

Annual practice camp will take place at Tai Lam on January 20th-22nd and January, 27th-29th of 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 1st December for Battery Drill. It is hoped that as many members as possible can will parade by 5.20 p.m. Signallers, "A" Group 5.25 p.m. "B" Group 5.30 p.m.

3. Engineer Company.

Field Sections. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th November for tests, knots and lashings.

4. Corps Signals.

The Corps Signals will go to camp from 1st December to 5th December. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on 1st December at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.43 p.m. train.

Those wishing to send out baggage in advance must deliver it, clearly labelled with the owners' name to the Corps Serget. Major before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th November.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th November and Wednesday, 30th November for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

5. Mounted Infantry Company.

Lecture at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th November for the purpose of examining the scheme which has been prepared for the M.I. work in the training season.

6. Armoured Car Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th November as under.

Motor Cyclists for special machine gun class under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

A and B sub-sections. Instruction at Corps Headquarters under Captain W. Brackenridge, M. C. Subject: Stoppages.

Armoured Car drivers under 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves passing M. G. Standard Tests 1 to 6.

A Police Officer will be present from 5 p.m. onwards to pass drivers for free licences to drive Corps Vehicles.

7. Infantry Company.

Those men detailed to fire Vickers M. G. on the Peak Range on Sunday 27th November must catch the 9 a.m. tram up.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th November for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti. Rifle and bayonet will not be required.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th November, for M. G. training. Dress: Mufti, Belt, rifle and bayonet.

8. Scottish Company.

Sunday, 27th November. Annual Church Parade to Union Church. A full strength parade is requested. Assemble at Corps Headquarters at 10 a.m. Dress: Review Order without rifles, i.e. Glengarry, tunic, belt, bayonet, frog, kilt, sporran, dined hose, flashes and spate. Medals will be worn.

Thursday, 1st December at 5.30 p.m. All Platoon at Platoon Headquarters for passing Standard Tests 1 to 6 on Vickers Gun.

9. Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 25th November for Guard Mounting and Arms Drill. Dress: Mufti, Belt, rifle and bayonet.

10. Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th November for M. G. Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

11. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—No. 1275 Bandsman C. Dragon. Corps Band dated 18.11.27. No. 1276 Gunner R.W.H. Maynard, Arty. Co. dated 18.11.27. No. 1277 Pte. C.A. Gaan, No. 9 Platoon dated 18.11.27. No. 1278 Pte. E.V. Alves, No. 10 Platoon dated 18.11.27. No. 1279 Bandsman C.M. Houghton, Corps Band dated 18.11.27. No. 1280 Bandsman P.F. Rosario, Corps Band dated 21.11.27. No. 1281 Gunner E.R. West, Arty. Co. dated 22.11.27.

12. Appointment and Promotion.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve the following appointment and promotion in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 18th November, 1927.

Second Lieut. Maurice George Noll to be Lieutenant Company Serget-Major Archie Cyril Groves to the rank of Second Lieutenant. Authority C.S.O. No. 2340/1920 dated 18.11.27.

13. Command.—Lieut. M. G. Noll takes over the command of the Corps Signals, as from 18th November, 1927.

14. Leave.—No. 1094 L/Cpl. A. Urquhart, No. 2 Platoon is granted leave from 1.12.27 to 28.12.27. No. 267 Serget A. Hutton-Potts and No. 455 L/Cpl. T. C. T. Beck, M.I. Company having rejoined for duty on 21.11.27 the unexpired period of their leave is hereby cancelled.

15. Transfers.—From Medical Section to the Reserve Company.

No. 715 Corp. W. Elliott. No. 699 Pte. J. W. Anderson. No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange. No. 818 Pte. J. K. Milward. No. 633 Pte. E. Law.

From Corps Band to Portuguese Company as from 24.11.27.

No. 1227 Pte. L. A. Feres, No. 10 Platoon. No. 1218 Pte. M. V. Neves, No. 10 Platoon.

16. Medical Section.

Monday, 28th November.—The following will parade at Corps Headquarters at 6.00 p.m. to discuss the details of camp.

S.Q.M.S. Davies, Pte. Lawrence L/Cpl. Ho, S. C. and Pte. Remedios.

17. Medical Certificates, Sick Leave etc.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps Order No. 277 dated 29th May, 1927. Medical Officers will not be consulted at their private addresses except in very urgent cases and then only by appointment. The normal procedure is for men to report at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on any Monday except a holiday for examination by a Medical Officer of the Corps on duty.

18. Struck off the Strength.

Having left the Colony No. 1256 Pte. J. C. Thomson, No. 7 Platoon, as from 21.11.27.

No. 208 Pte. D. D. Urquhart, No. 2 Platoon, as from 30.9.27.

Having completed three years' service and claimed their discharge: No. 523 Serget J. Fraser, Engineer Coy, as from 18.11.27.

No. 654 Pte. A. J. Bird, Armoured Car Co., as from 21.11.27.

No. 428 Pte. G. R. Razavat, Armoured Car Co., as from 18.11.27.

Having purchased discharge: No. 799 Corp. W. S. Hillier, No. 2 Platoon, as from 18.11.27.

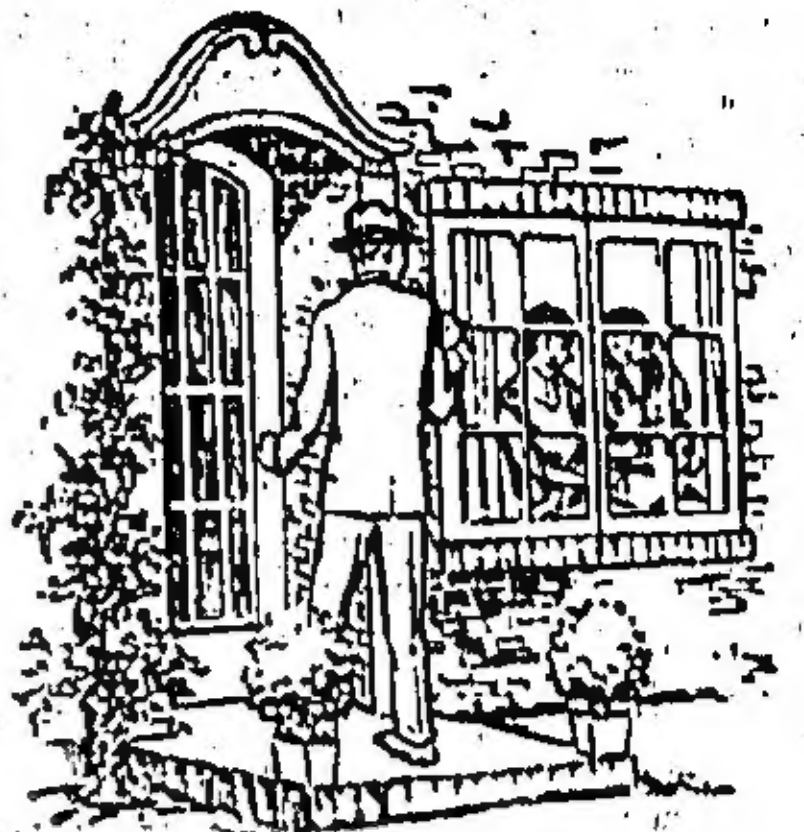
On Medical Grounds, as from 18.11.27. No. 1230 Bandsman H. E. Vieira, Corps Band.

From the Corps Band, as from 24.11.27. No. 1211 Bandsman F. A. Baptista. No. 1223 Bandsman J. F. Guerriero. No. 1234 Bandsman A. Esteban.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Notice.

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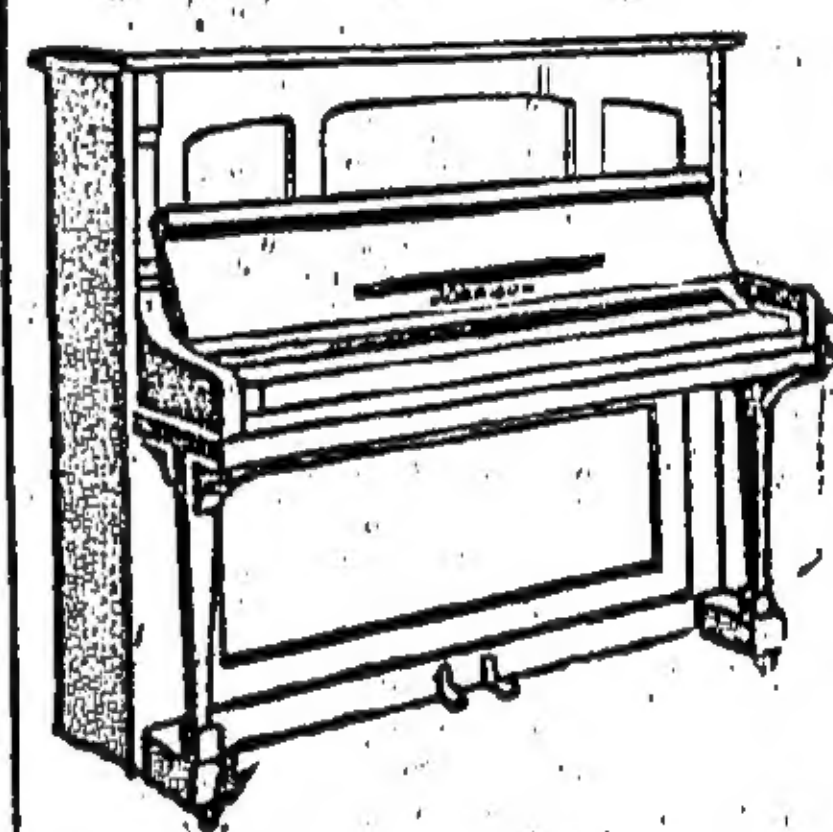
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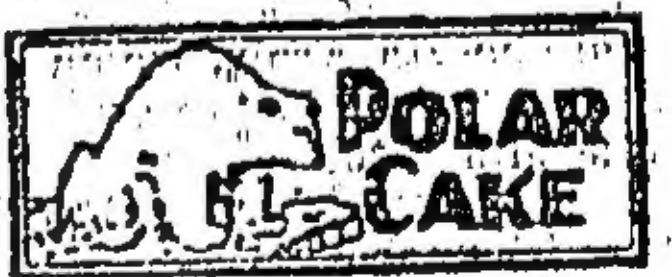
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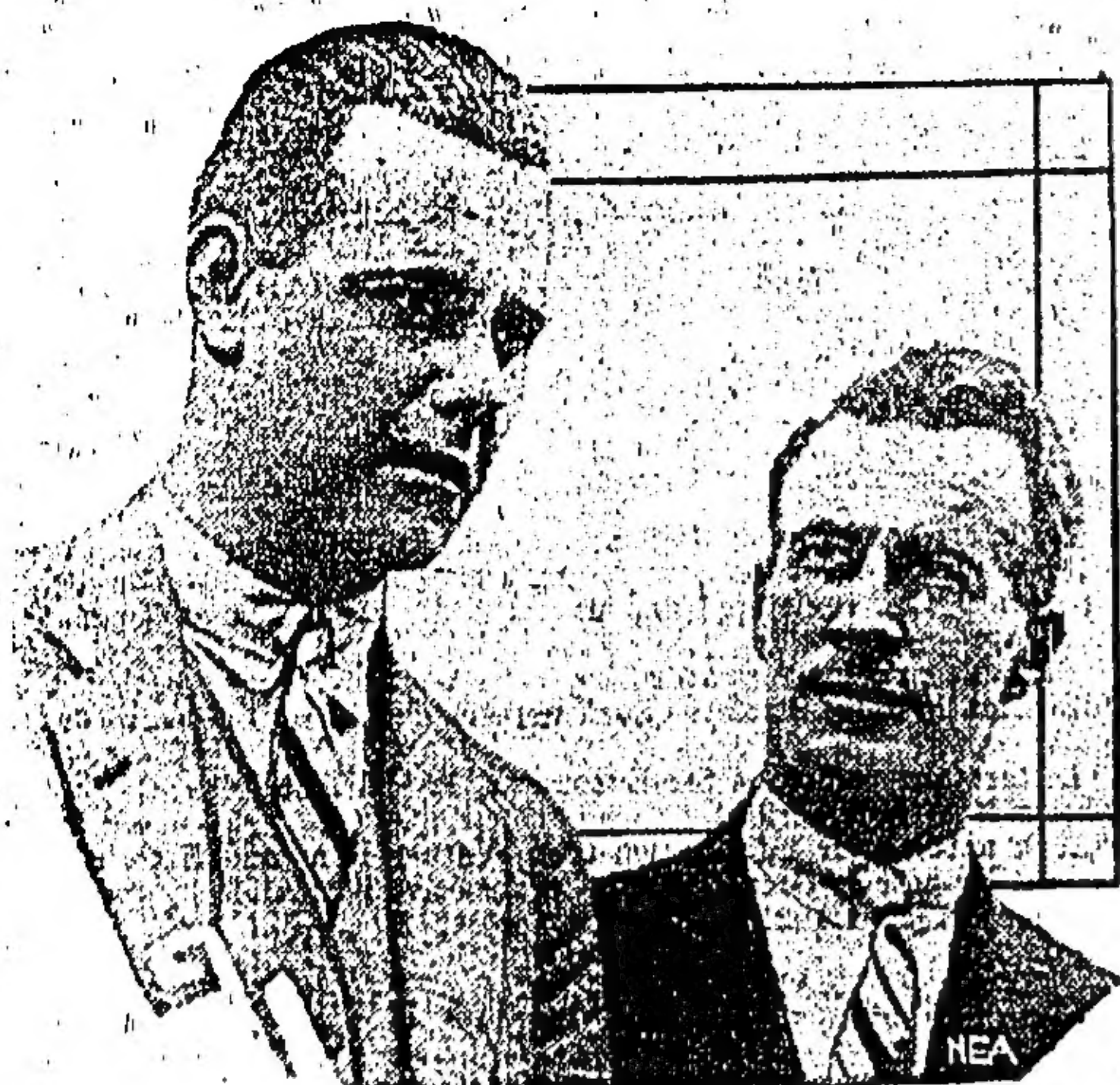


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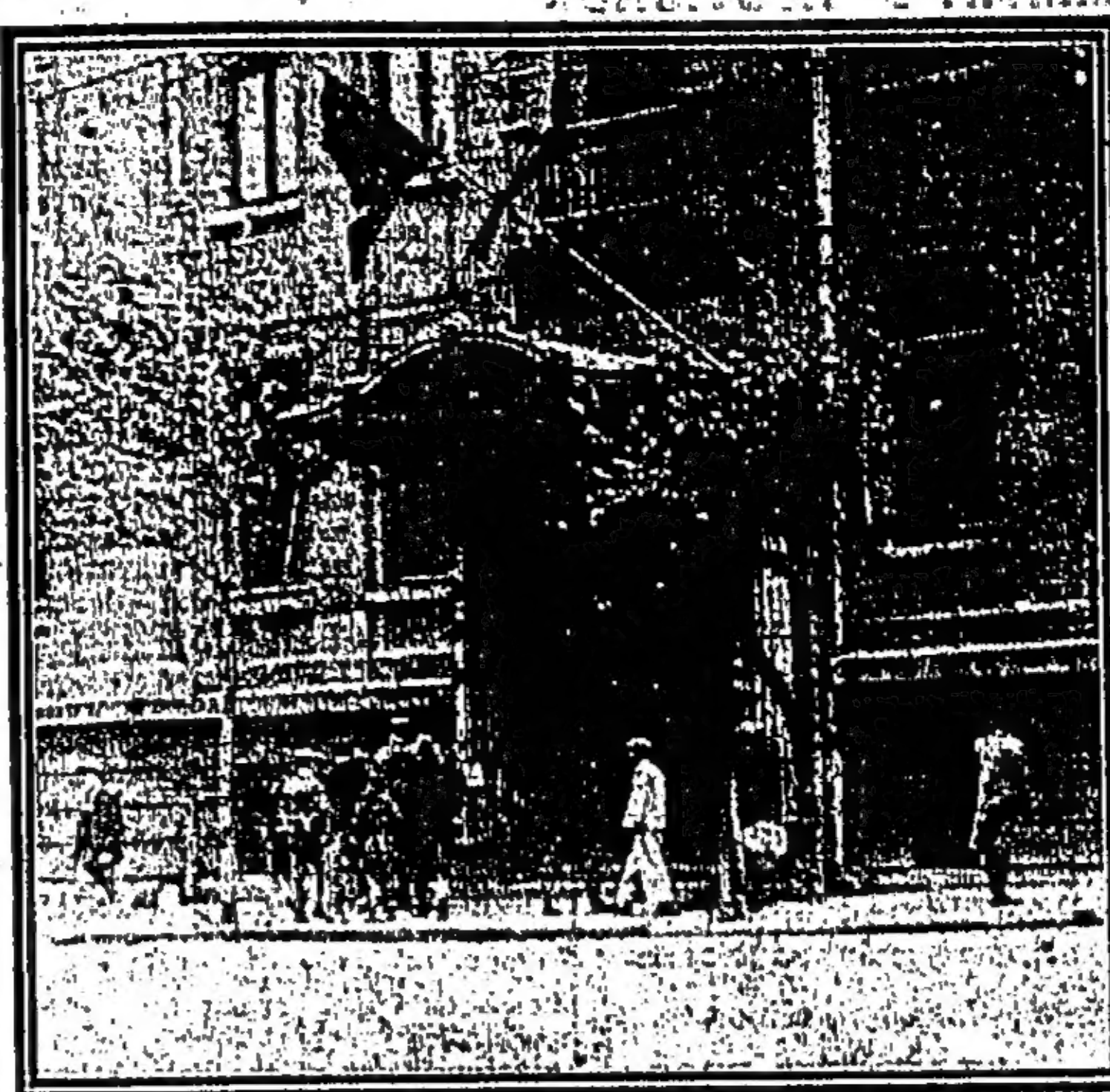




AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.—With a sack of mail from America to Australia as their cargo, C. T. P. Ulm (left) and S. E. Kingsford-Smith are ready to start from San Francisco on their journey to Melbourne. They will fly via Honolulu, the entire distance being 9,514 miles.



FOR SAFETY.—Ruth Elder and Captain George Haldeman, who failed to fly the Atlantic this year, test the rubber safety suits they took with them. They counted on the rubber garments to keep them afloat if forced down.



WHERE WHITE MET RED.—Entrance to the Soviet Consulate on Whangpoo Road, Shanghai, where the clash between White and Red Russians took place. Garlands which festooned the pillars on either side of the front door were torn off in the fray.

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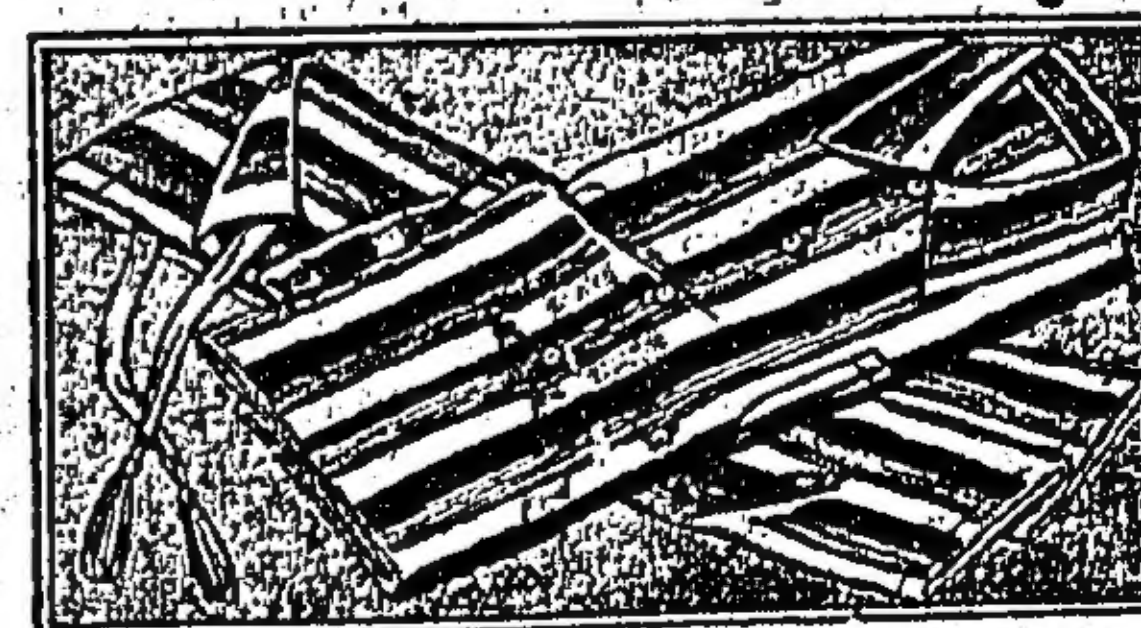
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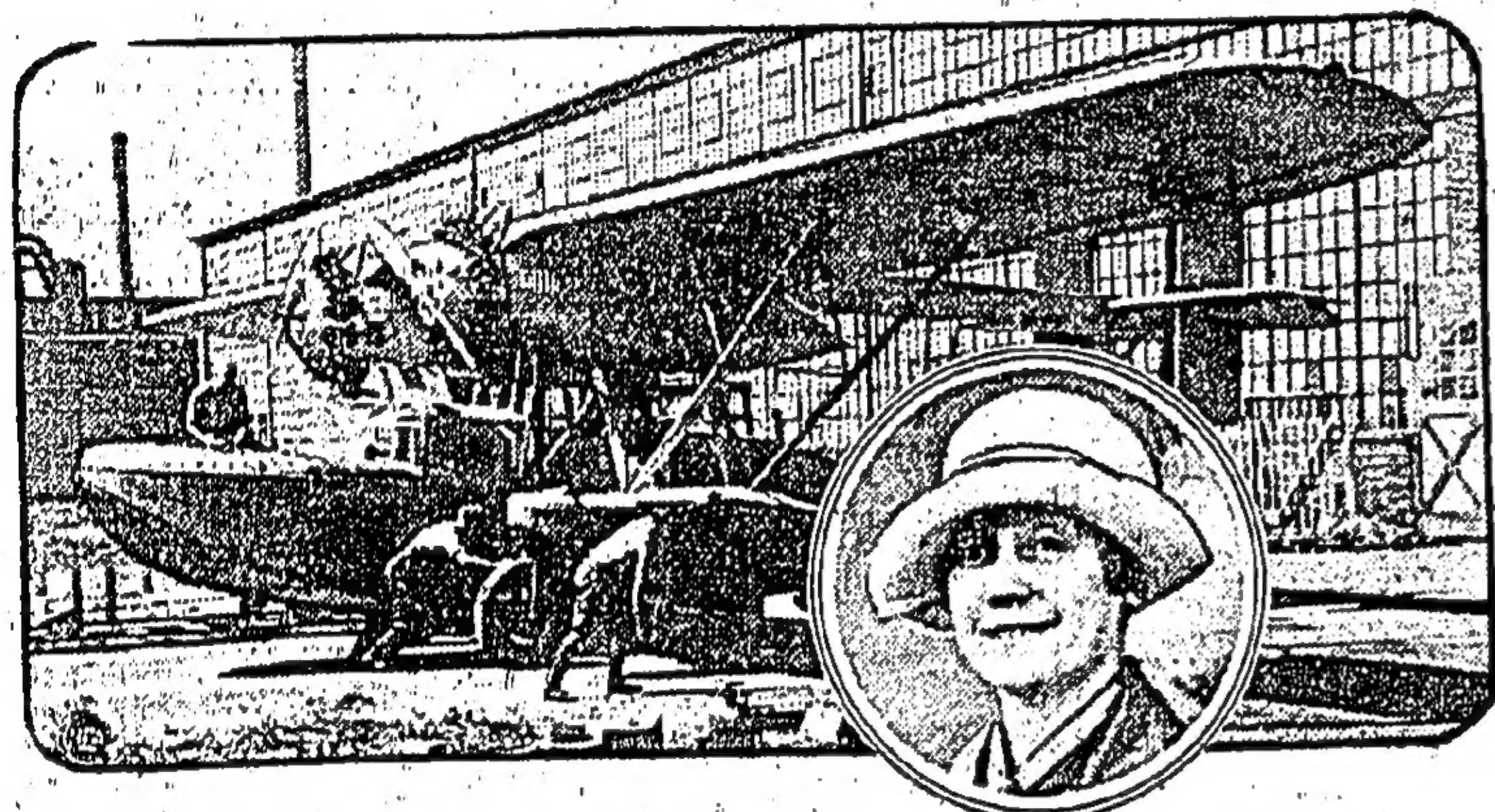
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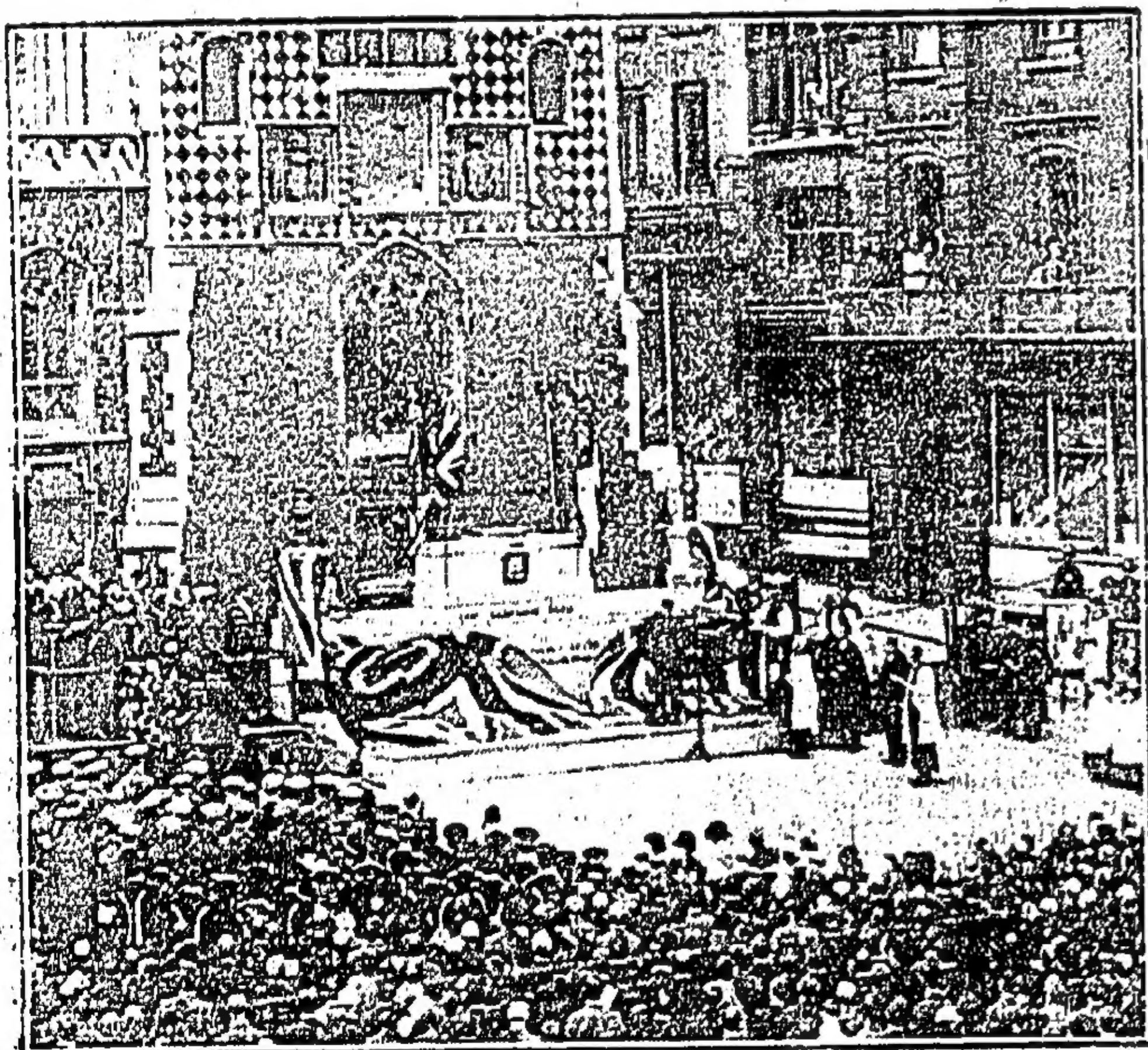
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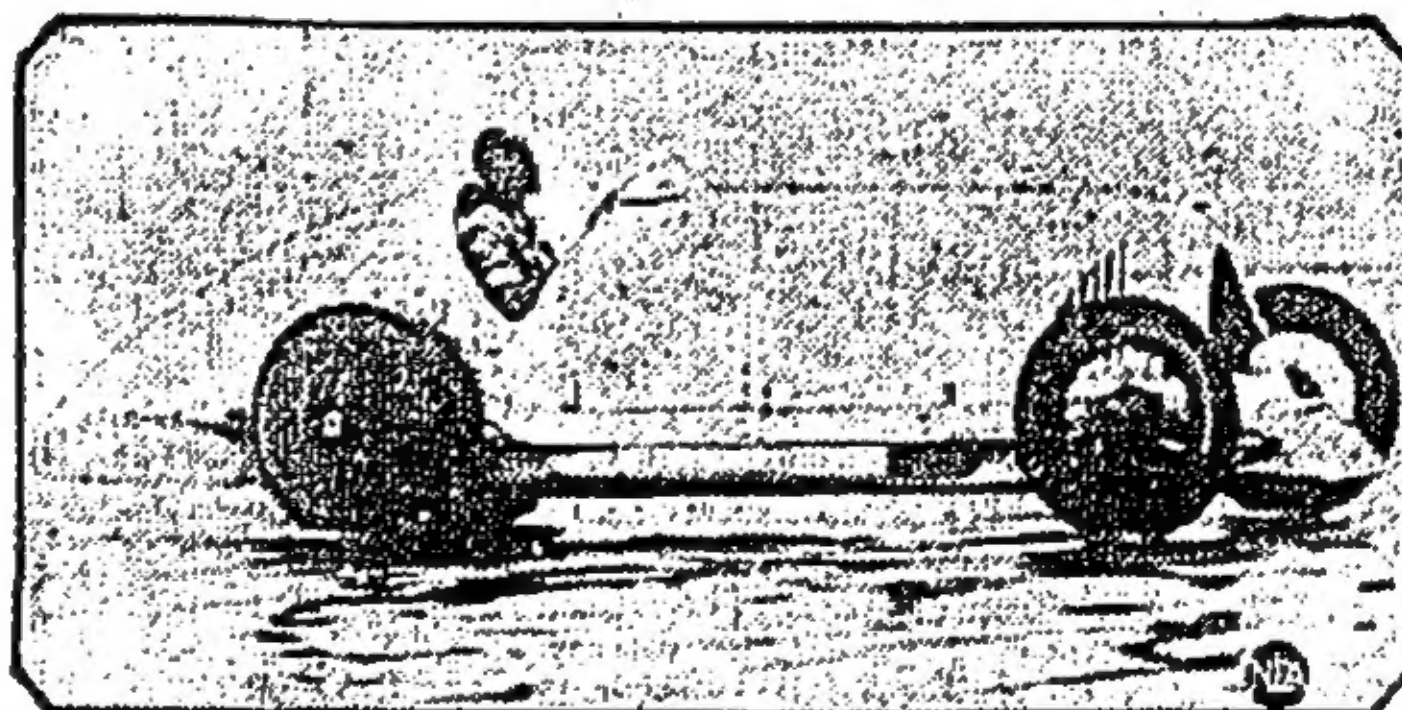
WILL SHE DO IT?—Tragedy that has befallen attempts to fly the Atlantic did not deter Frances W. Grayson's plans to hop to Europe from New York this year in her bi-motored Sikorsky amphibian. Here it is being tuned up at Roosevelt Field. Miss Grayson inset. She has made two unsuccessful attempts already.



NORWICH MEMORIAL, AN ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE.—In memory of the 3,544 men and women of the City of Norwich who died in the war a monolith altar stone has been erected in the market-place near the Guildhall. Our photograph shows the unveiling ceremony, which was performed by a permanently disabled soldier, ex-Private B. A. Withers. (Times copyright).



A "HOLLYWOOD" WEDDING.—In a beautiful wedding ceremony at dusk, Norma Shearer, film star and Irving Thalberg, young business man of the movie world, were married on the Thalberg estate at Beverly Hills, California. The pictures show the couple just after the ceremony.



ALL BUT FLIES.—When Signor Jules Foresti, Italian speedster, gets his 400-horsepower "Djelmio" racing car going right all it lacks to fly is wings. It is seen here on the Pendine strand at Carmarthenshire, where Foresti is preparing to try to break the world's speed record.



FAREWELL DINNER TO MR. G. M. BILLINGS.—Close upon a hundred members of the Shanghai Cricket Club met at a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. G. M. Billings, at the Shanghai Club recently.

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FOR SALE—Blackwood furniture: Bamboo pattern: 1 Sofa, 2 Armchairs, 1 silver Cabinet, 1 set Teapots, 2 stands Bargain prices. Apply Box No. 286, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHURCH NOTICES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, has arranged for a Free Lecture on Christian Science to be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, December 6 at 5.45 p.m. A further announcement will appear later.

NOTICE.

CHANGE OF NAME.

We, the undersigned, hitherto carrying on business as Architects, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, under the firm name of Abdoolrahim & Co. hereby notify that as from 21st November, 1927, the said business will be carried on under the name and style of HALL AND HALL Architects, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, at 34, Queen's Road Central.

William HALL, B.Sc. Eng.,
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Eight Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th November, 1927, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday, 25th November, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tip Tac men etc. are not permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

The M.S. "MALAYA," having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 1st December, 1927, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 30th November, 1927, at 10 a.m. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 3rd December, 1927 or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by.

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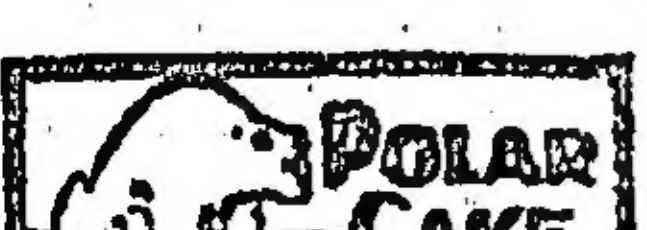
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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At the Godown of The Sun Co., Ltd., Praya, Kennedy Town.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 28th November, 1927, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 17, Ground Floor, Bowrington Canal Road, West.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Sunday, the 27th November, 1927.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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SINGAPORE BOXING.

WINS FOR MATE AND WALLEY.

Singapore boxing seems to have come into its own again, says the Straits Times. A crowd of a size reminiscent of the boom time gathered at the New World last Friday, and was rewarded by an interesting programme. It had the merit of not being too long, consisting of four contests, and as two of these finished early people were away in good time.

The main events saw Joe Mate knock out Fighting Surbito in the fifth round and Bud Walley score a clear points victory over Young Hassan. Before these came an excellent six round curtain-raiser between Kid Jackson and Little Lewis. They mixed it for all they were worth, and Lewis scored a very creditable victory. The next six rounder finished in the second. Kid Anthony, a newcomer to the game, found considerably more than his match in L. S. Pond, and after being down several times he was knocked cold by a left to the jaw.

A Hard Hitting Affair.

Mate and Surbito provided a hard hitting affair, in which Mate confirmed the good impression formed when he beat Y. C. Song and his opponent earned favourable opinions by the plucky way in which he stood up to a beating. Both were announced as 9-4, but Surbito had a considerable advantage in height and reach over Mate, who is built on sturdy lines. Any doubts which some people may have had as to the genuineness of the affair were dispelled as soon as they started out, for they mixed it with a will and every punch had solid effect behind it.

There was little between them in the first two rounds. What there was went in favour of Mate. In the third he had found the measure of his man and Surbito went through a heavy session. Surbito is one of the few boxers who fight right hand foremost, but his record shows that he has found it to pay in good company. The eighteen-year-old Mate is a boy who is going to be heard more of, however, and his heavy punches had Surbito weakening. He put in a succession of lefts and rights to the jaw.

The fourth went on similar lines, Surbito weakening but sticking it gamely. The end came in the fifth. Surbito suddenly went down, and probably many people did not see the punch which did the damage. It was a right hook to the stomach with a left behind it. Surbito got up in time, but the end was near, and after withstanding a rain of punches he went down to be counted out.

Walley's Footwork.

The Walley-Hassan affair went on the lines expected. Walley showed superior boxing ability and took the margin of points throughout the ten rounds, but Hassan earned the favour of the crowd by the way in which he stood up to it and made a fight from beginning to end.

Bud has improved immensely since he was last seen in Singapore and is now a stylish boxer who would be popular anywhere. He showed real footwork—a thing rarely seen these days—and his stopping and timing were of the best. It was a boxing lesson for Hassan, and in spite of the Malay boy's advantage of seven pounds—he was 8-6 to Walley's 7-11—it was obvious half way through the contest that but for a very improbable knock-out he was on the losing end.

The first two rounds saw Hassan attacking and Walley contenting himself with light punches. The third was a very good round. Hassan attacked vigorously, but Walley was too clever for him and

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, November 26th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 23—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on November 26th:—

DIVISION I.

Derby C. v Wednesday
Liverpool v Huddersfield
West Ham v Middlesbrough
Portsmouth v Birmingham

DIVISION II.

Barnsley v Reading
Manchester C. v Stoke
Port Vale v Chelsea
Preston N.E. v Notts C.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v Cowdenbeath
Clyde v Rangers
Hamilton v Kilmarnock
St. Johnstone v Hearts.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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LOCAL YACHTING.

A MENAGERIE RACE.

For the benefit of members of the Hongkong Royal Yacht Club not taking part in the Club Cruise over the week-end, a Menagerie Race for all classes of racing boats will be held to-morrow, the 26th November.

The course is:—Charmel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Channel Rocks (S), Cust Rock Buoy (P)—6.1 miles. Preparatory gun, 2.40 p.m.; starting gun 2.45 p.m.

scored the points. The fourth and fifth were similar. In the sixth Walley chose to stay in close and trade punches, in which he always had the advantage. In the eighth Walley dealt out heavy punishment, landing many lefts and rights to the face. Hassan, always game, took all that was coming, and made a very good fight of it in the last two sessions. Mr. Regan's decision for Walley was a foregone conclusion, but Hassan had given of his best.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

KMAS LETTER MAIL "VIA SIBERIA" FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Kmas Letter Mail "via Siberia" for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 5 p.m. on the 25th inst. per s.s. "President Cleveland." This mail should reach London about the 22nd December.

KMAS LETTER AND PARCEL MAILS FOR CANADA AND U.S.A.

Kmas Letter and Parcel Mails for Canada and U.S.A. will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—
Parcel Mail ... 29th Nov. at 1.00 p.m.
Registered Mail ... 29th Nov. at 4.15 p.m.
Ordinary Mail ... 29th Nov. at 5.00 p.m.
This mails are due in Victoria B.C. and Seattle on the 19th Dec.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed. It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

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Ships at sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo China, Province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Port Bayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy, &c.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mongolia	November 25
Shanghai and Swatow	Seochow	November 25
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Madison	November 27
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	November 28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Adams	December 3
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	December 6
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 6
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	December 7
Straits	Kitano Maru	December 28

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Saigon	Yuan Jong	Fri., Nov. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Kueichow	Fri., Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila	Phomus	Fri., Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashgar	Fri., Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Fri., Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mongolia	Sat., Nov. 26, 2.30 p.m.

Parcels 25th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 26th 9 a.m.
Letters 26th 10 a.m.
G.P.O.

Parcels 25th 5 p.m.
Registration 26th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 26th 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 28th December).

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ... Sat., Nov. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy ... Sat., Nov. 26, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Sun., Nov. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow ... Sun., Nov. 27, 9 a.m.
Hydrangea ... Mon., Nov. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow ... Mon., Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Manila ... Mon., Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy ... Mon., Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
Swatow ... Mon., Nov. 28, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco ... Shinyo Maru ... Tues., Nov. 29, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 28th December)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Pres. Cleveland ... Tues., Nov. 29, Parcels 1 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia ... Pres. Cleveland ... Tues., Nov. 29, Parcels 1 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ... Sarpedon ... Wed., Nov. 30, Registration 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.

Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 28th December).

Mausang ... Wed., Nov. 30, 1.30 p.m. Kutsang ... Thurs., Dec. 1, Parcels 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Hanching ... Fri., Dec. 2, Noon. Hoang ... Fri., Dec. 2, 5 p.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ... Portos ... Tues., Dec. 6, Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.

Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 6th Jan., 1928).

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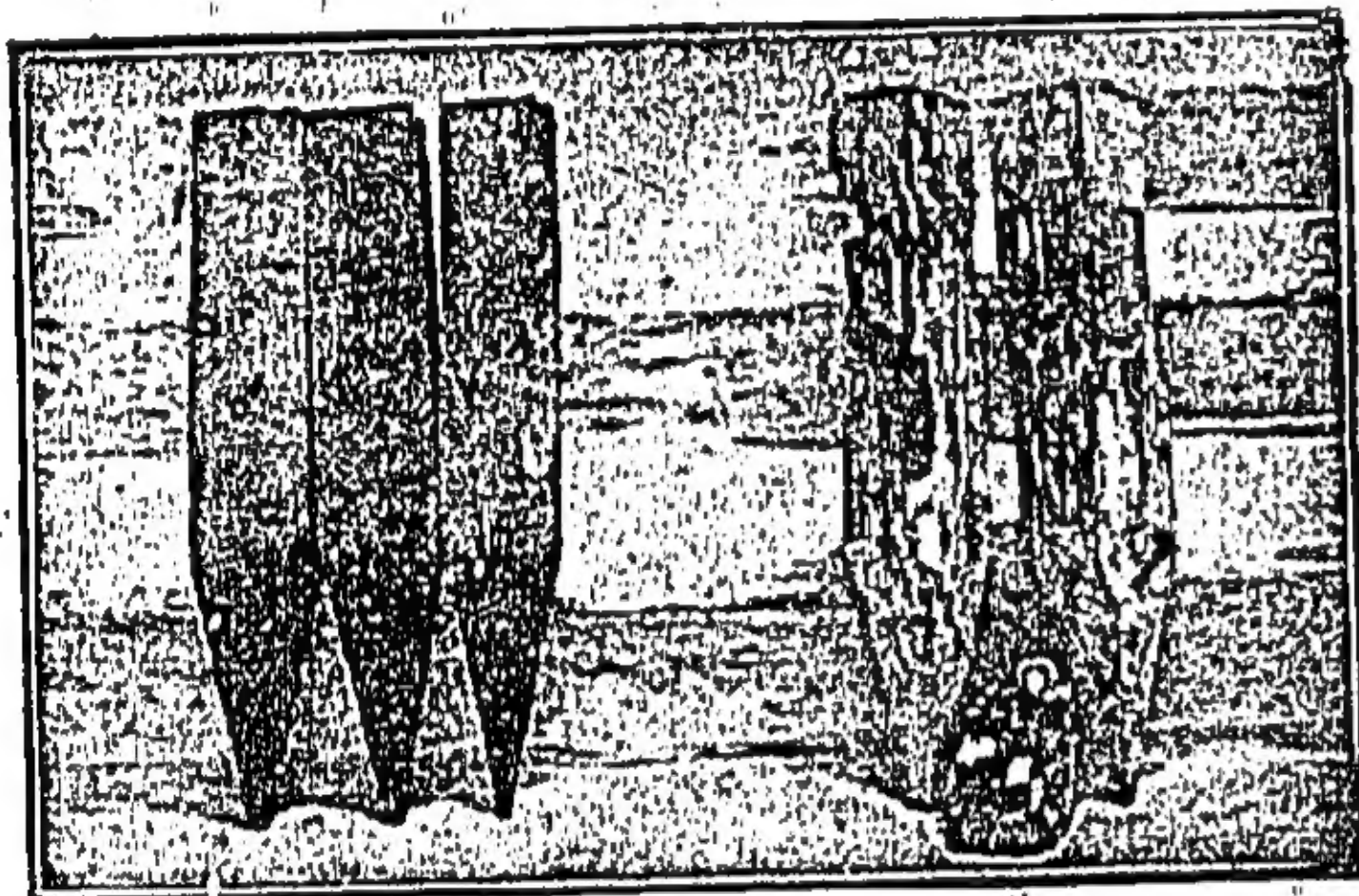
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RECENT MURDER.

ACCUSED MAN AGAIN REMANDED.

The Chinese who was charged in connexion with the murder of a milkman near the Shekki junk wharf, in Connaught Road Central, was again before Major C. Willson this morning and was remanded for a further week. Mr. H. L. Denny appeared for the defendant.

It will be recalled that about a fortnight ago, a Chinese was seen to be attacked in Connaught Road Central by three other Chinese, who, after assaulting the unfortunate man, pushed him into the harbour. The defendant, it is alleged, was one of the three attackers and was said to have been arrested as he was trying to run away.

The body of the victim was recovered the day after the murder.

RUMANIAN CRISIS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

27, 1926, to the country entering the war on the side of the Allies. The military successes of the Central Powers against Rumania in the autumn of 1916 and the Peace of Bucharest signed on May 7, 1917, seemed to show that Bratianu's policy had been a misguided one but it emerged triumphant after the collapse of Germany and Austria in the late autumn of 1918. Transylvania, part of the Banate, the Bukovina and Bessarabia became part of Rumania. When, however, Bratianu failed at the Paris Peace Conference to secure the whole of the Banate for Rumania and, as he refused to sign the peace treaties or to evacuate Budapest he had to resign on Sept. 12, 1919. The Governments of Valdimir, Valda-Voevod, Averescu and Janescu followed.

Introduced Reforms.

Meanwhile Bratianu had succeeded in reorganising the Liberal party. The Cabinet of Jonescu did not outlive its presentation on Jan. 17, 1922, to the Chamber and now Bratianu formed a Cabinet, aided by the result of the elections which gave his party an overwhelming majority. The Opposition challenged the validity of the election and absented itself from Parliament, but Bratianu went calmly on his course and introduced comprehensive reforms in the constitution, the agrarian system, the administration and in financial, fiscal and educational legislation, which, however, did not earn the approval of the new provinces.

In March 1926 Bratianu resigned for no apparent reason but it was suggested that one ground for his decision was his inability to realise his aim of a "legal dictatorship" by prolonging the life of Parliament and that the affair of Prince Carol's renunciation had something to do with it. At the dissolution Bratianu declared that his Government's labours had given the country an era of peace and stability and had laid the foundations of a greater Rumania. Gen. Averescu's Cabinet which then came into power was thus able to control the elections in May and the electoral law brought in by Bratianu under which a party obtaining 40 percent of the votes secures 75 percent of the seats helped the general to secure 292 mandates against 95 for all the other parties combined.]

Passengers departing by a.s. President Grant yesterday for Seattle via ports included Dr. S. F. Li, Miss M. Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs. MacAlpine, Mrs. B. Afong, Mr. H. M. Hodges and Mr. C. Miner.

STRAITS QUARREL.

DEFENCE OF PENANG HOSPITAL.

NO "ENDANGERED LIVES."

The papers connected with the Penang Hospital controversy have been made public. They consist of a report by the Committee to the Hospital Board, based on a visit made on June 7, 1927; the written comments of Drs. A. S. McKern and James Gossip; a covering letter from the Resident Councillor, Penang; and a Memorandum by the Principal Chief Medical Officer, Straits Settlements, and Chairman, Hospitals Board, Dr. A. L. Hoops, dated November 17 last.

The Visiting Committee expresses the opinion that "human lives are being endangered without excuse and that the Hospital is, to speak plainly, a scandal and a disgrace to the Colony."

To which comment the P.C.M.O. replies that the Hospital "is not a scandal or disgrace to the Colony and lives were not and are not being endangered there without excuse."

It will be recalled that, following their strong criticisms of the hospital, the visiting committee resigned; and the matter was the subject of a recent reference in the Straits Settlements Legislative Council.

In the course of his defence, the P.C.M.O. details action taken towards improving the hospital's facilities, including the following:

Nursing Staff.

On July 25 a telegram was sent to the Secretary of State asking for 6 nursing sisters for Singapore and Penang, additional to the present staff in the Colony. Two of these sisters who arrived early in November are posted to Penang.

The nursing establishment in Penang for 1928 has been increased by one Matron for the District Hospital and three Sisters, two for the General Hospital, and one for the Maternity Hospital. One is to have X-ray experience. In future it is also hoped to provide from Singapore the relief for Sisters going on home leave.

Our present policy in the Colony is to increase the number of probationers as patients increase, instead of adding to the number of dressers and attendants. Provision has been made for 23 probationers in the General Hospital, Penang, in 1928, as against 11 this year. As nurse probationers are trained it is intended to increase the number of Staff Nurses also. Temporary accommodation outside the hospital must be found for additional nursing staff.

One extra dresser has already been allotted to the General Hospital.

Four attendants have been added to the 1928 establishment. I have asked for one additional medical officer so that the Pathological may have no administration duties in the District Hospital.

New Hospital Desired.

Proposals were submitted by me to Government at the end of August for a new General Hospital and a new District Hospital in Penang. Sites have been considered, and a trial site plan of the General Hospital has been submitted. The Colonial Engineer has since been in consultation with me frequently and is working on estimates.

The advice of appropriate specialists is being sought.

I have stated the increased staff which is likely to be required, based on my experience of the new General Hospital, Singapore.

I hope that Government may be able to take action as soon as the approximate cost of the scheme is worked out. Meanwhile the Senior Surgeon (Mr. C. J. Smith) has advised me against the plans for extending the present operating theatre. He has recommended

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended November 24th, 1906. The rate of the dollar on demand was 2/3 1/4d.

At the ordinary meeting of the Dairy Farm Company, the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne presided and among those present were Mr. A. Stevenson, the acting manager.

Among those who took part in the Volunteer Reserve shoot were Messrs. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. E. H. Beavis, L. G. Bird, Capt. B. Branch and Mr. W. L. Patten.

An advertisement of the Norddeutscher Lloyd announced revised rates of passage money from Hongkong to London; these being: First-class, £65 single and £97 return; second-class, £44 single and £66 return; third-class, £24 single and £36 return.

The gunboat H.M.S. Robin whilst patrolling the West River went ashore in the neighbourhood of Kumchuk. H.M.S. Moorhen was unable to tow the stranded vessel off and the destroyers Fame and Hardy went from Hongkong to help. The Robin was later successfully refloated.

"ASKED TO LEAVE."

SOUTH AFRICAN VISITOR TO JAVA.

Batavia, Nov. 19. Mr. Robins Browne, who has been two weeks in Java trying to find buyers for orange growing estates in South Africa, has been asked by the Government to leave the country as soon as possible. Mr. Browne is leaving for Singapore this afternoon.

that a disrobing room be provided for the theatre staff in the adjoining official block, which can be done. He has recommended that a list should be prepared of the surgical equipment necessary for this hospital including some electric sterilizers, should then be ordered and used temporarily in the General Hospital.

I am forwarding his proposals to Government with a request for favourable consideration.

Cases Sent to Singapore.

Until some new permanent buildings can be erected, if a great increase in patients occur, it must be met by providing additional temporary accommodation in the grounds of the District Hospital. This expedient was necessary in Singapore.

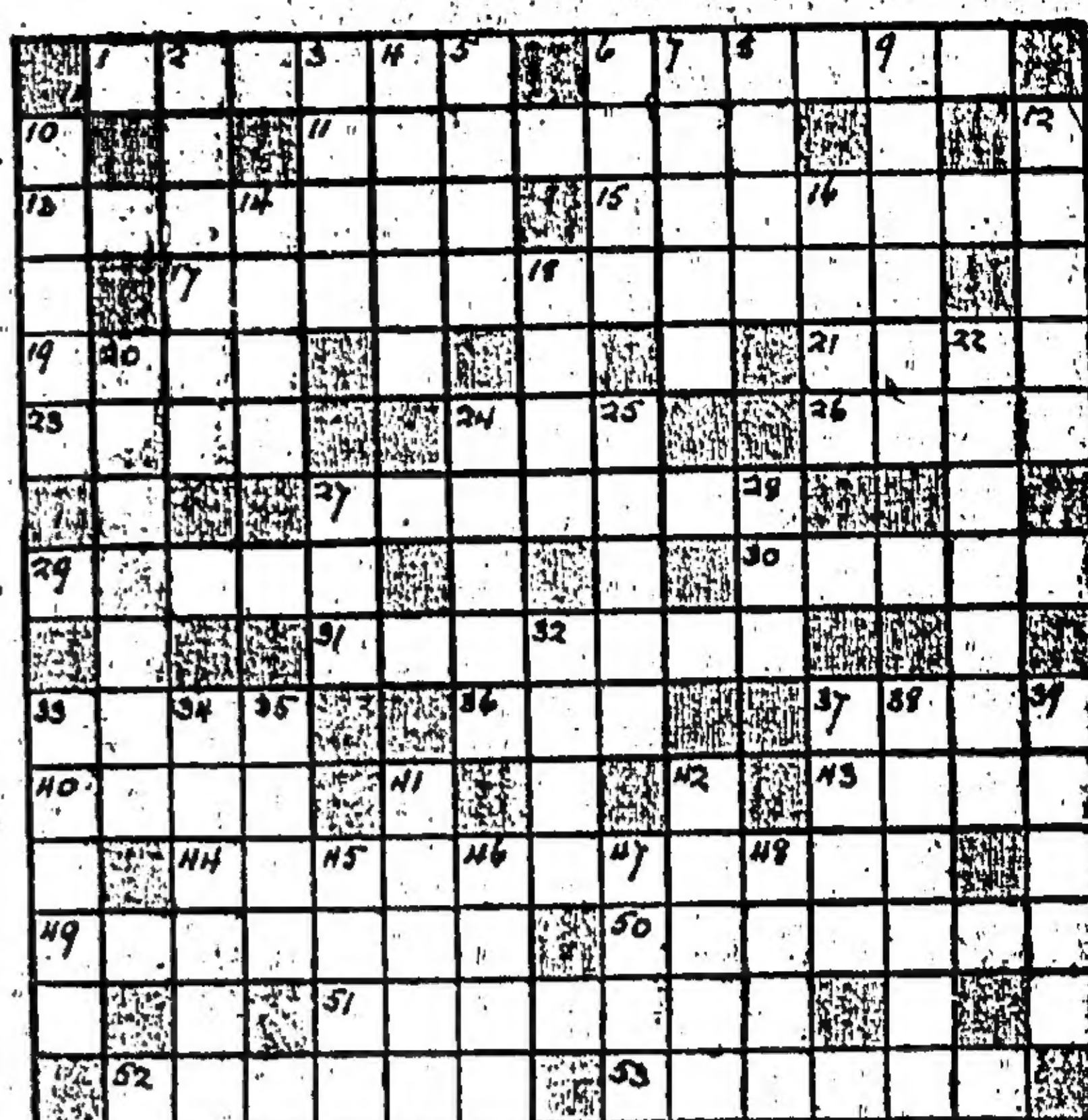
Singapore, owing to its College of Medicine, has probably a larger and more elaborate staff than any other hospital in British Crown Colonies or Protectorates. Certain cases will doubtless always be sent to Singapore as they are sent from the provinces to London and a few other large centres in England.

The General Hospital, Penang, is not a scandal or a disgrace to the Colony and lives were not and are not being endangered there without excuse. It is, to use the words of an unofficial member of the Hospitals Board, who speaks from personal experience of both hospitals, better than the old General Hospital, Singapore, was four years ago.

Its replacement would have been carried out at the same time as the re-building of the Singapore General Hospital had funds been available.

The growing needs of the Settlement of Penang renders a new General Hospital there necessary at the earliest possible date.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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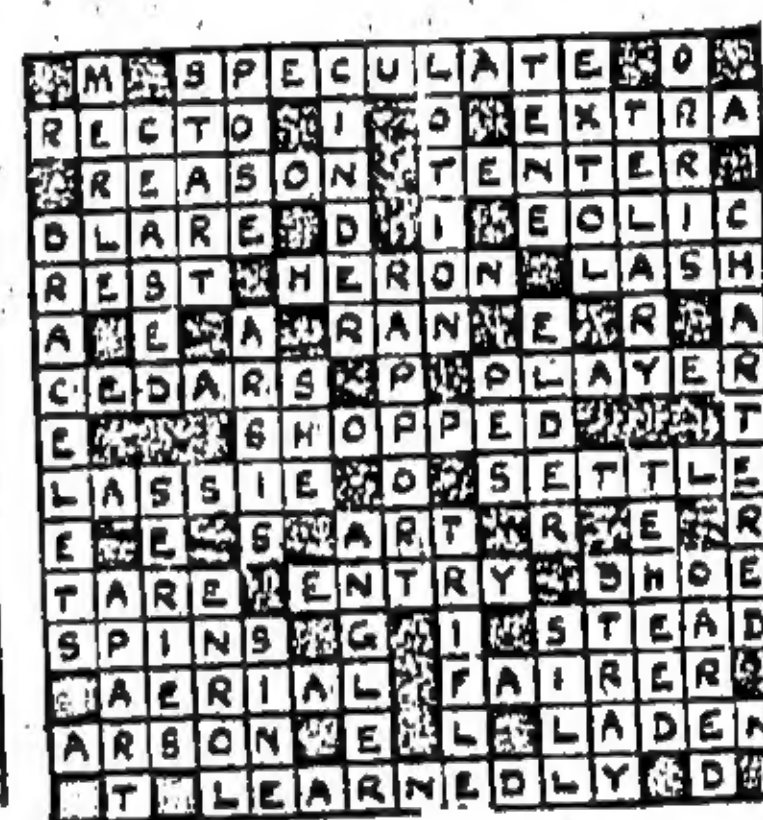
- 1 Throws out.
- 4 Much worn.
- 11 Set speech.
- 13 Put on train.
- 15 Things of little importance.
- 17 Headquarters of turf fraternity in London.
- 19 Travel by wagon.
- 21 Make comfortable.
- 23 Edge of anything.
- 24 Waver.
- 26 Sends forth.
- 27 Pierced.
- 29 Make rotten, as eggs.
- 30 Furious.
- 31 Cold.
- 33 Sieve.
- 36 Turf.
- 37 Uttered in words.
- 40 Prepare for publication.
- 43 Uncovered.
- 44 The redress of grievances.
- 49 Design.
- 50 Animals that gnaw.
- 51 Breathe.
- 52 Stop.
- 53 Astonished.

Down.

- 2 Emitted.
- 3 External covering.
- 4 Commonplace.
- 5 Mentally sound.
- 6 Occupies a seat.
- 7 Hourly.
- 8 Shrub from whose leaves indigo is obtained.
- 9 Balm.
- 10 Exploits.
- 12 Opposite to a liability.

- 14 Gardening instrument.
- 16 Run away.
- 18 Genuine.
- 20 Solved.
- 22 Like.
- 23 Tokens.
- 25 Fixed.
- 27 Moisture deposited at night.
- 28 Arid.
- 29 Empty.
- 32 Wife of a rajah.
- 34 Looking-glass.
- 35 Pucc.
- 37 Hautboy.
- 38 Wife of a rajah.
- 39 Let.
- 41 Sweetly perfumed flowers.
- 42 Tempest.
- 45 Anterior.
- 46 State of quiet.
- 47 Song.
- 48 Notion.

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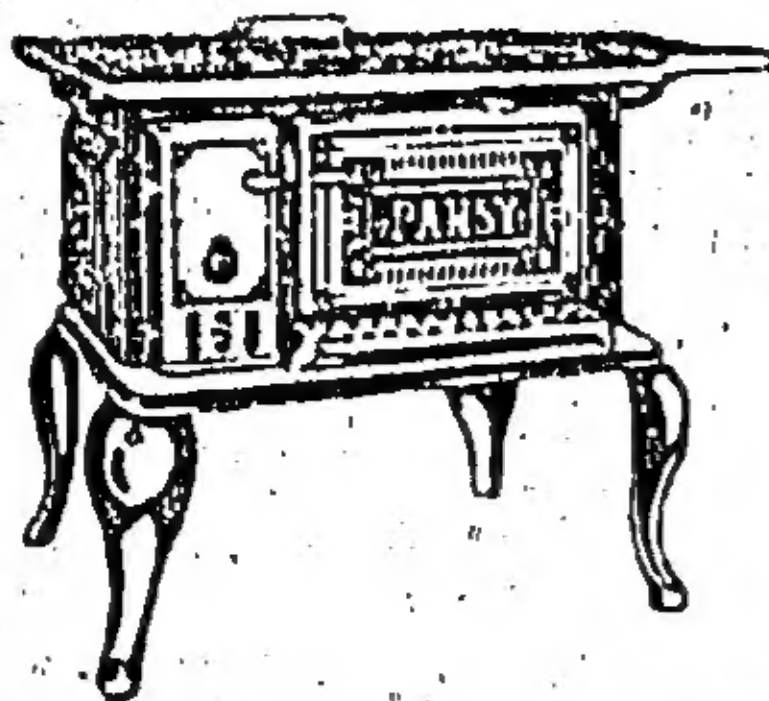
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Matthews desire to thank all for their sympathies, for floral tributes and for attendance at the funeral.

The relatives of the late Mrs. Letitia Julia Murray desire to thank their numerous friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement and also for their floral offerings and attendance at the funeral.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25 1927.

PARLIAMENTARY "SCENES."

Yesterday's cables spoke of yet another "scene" in the House of Commons, resulting eventually in the suspension of four Labour members. Incidents of this character have been increasingly frequent of late, and whilst they are to be regretted, a point worth remembering is that they have generally occurred over the question of the application of the closure. There must, of course, be some limit set to the time devoted to the various Bills which come before the House if pace is to be kept with the growing bulk of Parliamentary business. The representatives of Labour, however, are jealous of the rights of free speech, and they have the habit of showing what they feel when, for the expediting of business, the closure is applied. This is especially the case when the measure affected, as in yesterday's incident, is one which concerns the workers. Tempers, in such circumstances, are apt to get out of hand, and this is evidently what occurred in the House on Wednesday.

Whilst we do not wish in any way to minimise the regrettable character of these unseemly "scenes" in the House, the point must not be overlooked that they frequently betoken a really sincere desire, on the part of those who have allowed their feelings to get out of hand, to secure the fullest possible discussion of important measures when they come before the people's forum. For the due and proper conduct of the business of the House, it is essential, of course, that there should be limitations set to the manner in which opposition to any particular proposal should be mani-

festated. Unhappily, many of the Labour members appear to ignore that fact, with the result that undue license is assumed when controversial points are at issue. The dictum was once enunciated by a famous statesman that "it is the duty of the Opposition to oppose." That is so within certain limits. The process can, however, be much abused and the dignity of the House suffer in consequence. That has, we fear, been too often the case of late. All the same, there is such a thing as the vital function of criticism, which always was and always will be necessary in the House of Commons. Due and adequate provision is made for it in the British Constitution, and it would be a sorry day for the nation were that function either to fall into disuse or become over-ridden. In a smaller but equally important manner, the Press here in Hongkong seeks to fulfil the same function, as it represents the chief medium through which public opinion can be fostered and expressed.

As we remarked a few days ago, party feeling is running high at home at the moment, and this no doubt accounts for, even if it does not justify, the somewhat rowdy incidents which have marred Parliamentary proceedings of late. Whatever may be political leanings, we cannot, as Britishers, but perceive the value of spirited criticism of important Bills as they come up for discussion. Admittedly there is a right and a wrong way of expressing that dissent, and our chief regret is that some of the Labour M.P.s apparently have yet to realise that point.

Our Air Force.

There has been much comment, from time to time, on the disparity of figures in the totals, both as to machines and personnel, of the Royal Air Force and the aerial forces of other nations. The matter has been under discussion for a considerable period, but it is within the past few months that public opinion has strengthened in urging the Government to bring the British air strength up to a point commensurate with the country's defence needs and its importance otherwise as a world power. A news message yesterday gave the reply in Parliament to a request for a comparison between Britain's air forces and those of the strongest continental nation aerially—France. The numbers of French machines are shown to be not very far short of double our own, and their manpower in connection therewith may be taken as proportionately greater. It is a statement like that which serves to emphasise the difference, and the advocates of a big increase in the British force will have something to point to in support of their arguments. No doubt the inferiority of Britain's air arm in the way of numbers is startling, in view of the importance of this means of defence in modern warfare, and the vulnerability of our shores—and now even the inland places—to attack from above. The many long-distance flights of recent months have proved how easy it will be, in any coming war, to carry out raids over wide areas. The fear of Zeppelins over Britain in the late war, will be as nothing to the apprehension, and actuality, of attack by fast aeroplanes in future hostilities which may involve us. While we may strive against unfriendliness with any of our continental neighbours we, nevertheless, must be prepared for eventualities. The matter of aerial preparedness, we note, has also received much attention in the United States of America, where, as it happens, there is much less chance of invasion from the air, owing to the long distances to be traversed by a potential foe. In Britain much has been done, by the fostering of civilian flying clubs, to increase the number of skilled pilots, as well as the number of machines which may form a reserve in case of national need. So far as the quality of machines and of the men piloting them goes, we are equal to any, and in some respects are undoubtedly ahead, but numbers are a primary consideration. In this move towards a better-equipped air defence, we may also observe the tacit agreement that disarmament is yet an ideal not capable of early or complete fulfilment. Restriction of land and sea forces must inevitably proceed alongside similar paring policies in the air forces of the nations. The question is mainly one of adequate numbers for defence; but Britain can never afford to lose sight of the need, in case of any nation that does not adhere fully to restriction, or that is obviously building beyond ordinary requirements, becoming a menace,—to be able to meet an emergency, with an adequate force in all respects.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE NUMEROUS PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITIES BECOME, THE MORE IS THERE GENERATED IN CITIZENS THE NOTION THAT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE DONE FOR THEM, AND NOTHING BY THEM.—Herbert Spencer.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

Mails from England by the a.s. Kashgar, dated London, October 27, and parcels dated October 20, were distributed this morning. There were 543 bags of mail and 133 bags of parcels.

A Chinese woman residing at No. 132 Canton Road, ground floor, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of some form of poison. It is believed that the woman attempted to commit suicide.

A belated report was made to the police yesterday by a woman residing at No. 241, Temple Street, to the effect that a robbery took place at her house on November 12th and that money and jewellery to the value of \$551 were stolen from a box in her room.

A Chinese apprentice at the Tai-koo Dockyard was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from serious injuries to his head, caused by a slot machine. The injuries were so serious that half an hour after admission to the hospital, the apprentice died.

Good houses continue to patronise the production of "Bulldog Drummond" by the Hongkong A.D.C. last night's performance, the fifth, attracting a large and appreciative audience. Major Macready gave another fine interpretation of the title role, and Mr. M. Maas made a very real individual of Carl Peterson.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 15 arrivals and 17 departures, leaving 68 vessels in harbour of which 20 were British. Freighters were few in number, but there were some heavy through cargoes, the best of which was British. The total of tonnage entered was 25,691, with nine nationalities figuring in the complete return.

The famous film "What Price Glory," continues to draw crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre, and whatever opinions there may be about minor details, the film is unanimously voted one of the biggest that has ever been shown in the Colony. Cinema-goers who have still to see "What Price Glory" are reminded that owing to the unusual length of the film, performances start promptly at the special times 2.30, 5.00, 7.15, and 9.30.

After having convicted and fined a Chinese hawk \$2 for selling salt fish within the limits of the Shamshui Market, Mr. W. Schofield subsequently discovered that it was no offence to hawk salt fish within market limits and ordered the case to be re-opened. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, however, it was stated that the defendant could not be found. At the suggestion of Sergeant Kirby, the man's fine of \$2 was given to the Poor Box.

Passengers arriving by the P. and O. liner Kashgar from Hong to-day included:—Miss Baldwin, Mr. R. G. Banks, Mr. W. G. Cooper, Mrs. M. Ede, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. Gillespie, Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. W. H. Goff, Mrs. R. Hall, Mrs. C. K. Kinloch, Mr. and Mrs. Petherick, Miss Delaney, Mr. A. Laughton, Mr. V. W. MacAndrews, Mrs. MacAndrews, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, Mrs. Nightingale, Mr. W. Niblock, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. W. C. Taylor, Mr. J. Watson and Mrs. Watson.

The marriage of Mr. R. P. Walker, Deputy Accountant, F.M.S. Railways, to Miss Gladys Rabone, of the European Hospital, took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kuala Lumpur, last week, the Rev. R. D. Whitehorn officiating. The bride was given away by Mr. G. P. Bradney, and her bridesmaid was Miss V. Hunt. The reception was held at The Manse, the health of the newly married pair being proposed by Sir Malcolm Watson. The honeymoon will be spent at Brastagi.

Cinema-goers who have seen "What Price Glory" at the Queen's Theatre have the choice of two excellent pictures in the Colony's other principal cinemas. The first of these pictures is Syd Chaplin's famous comedy, "The Man on the Box," at the World Theatre. The orchestra plays at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances, and an interpreter attends at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances. The second picture is a light domestic comedy, called "Wages For Wives," which is being screened at the Star Theatre, where the programme lasts from 5.15 to 8.45 continuous, with a final performance at 9.20. The leading players in "Wages For Wives" are Jacqueline Logan, Margaret Livingston, Zasu Pitts, Creighton Hale and Claude Gillingwater.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PRAYA EAST RECLAMATION.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Possibly like many others, I have been intensely interested in the description appearing in a contemporary of Thursday's date of how a sea wall is constructed. The description, however, appears to be lacking in many details and may be misleading to those unacquainted with modern engineering methods. The method of testing the dredged bottom, by the diver, to see if it is satisfactory for the foundation of the wall, is not described, and for the information of the public should have been included in the article. However, it is not even now too late to describe the process.

The diver is first lowered to the bottom of the trench and feels with his hand to ascertain that the bed is hard. As a further test, and to make certain, he takes a handful of the granite, places it in his mouth and crushes same with his teeth. Divers are sure that this is the best method of testing the hardness of granite. In the Praya East reclamation wall, says your contemporary, the divers were satisfied with the hardness of the granite. It is interesting to know that even divers find granite hard! However, in this case the diver could not have applied "the mouth test," with the distressing result that the wall has failed on account of the bottom being decomposed.

It is distressing to read that the weight of the wall "crushed down the new granite blocks until the decomposed granite underneath was reached," but it is fortunate that the decomposed granite waited for the new granite blocks, otherwise the damage might have been much worse.—Yours, etc.,

PERTURBED.

Hongkong, Nov. 24, 1927.

OVERSEAS CLUB.

Sir,—May I crave the courtesy of your columns to address the very many members here of the Overseas League and ask their kindly support to the appeal being made by our Chairman, Sir Ernest Birch, for a fund with which to purchase a new motor car for Mr. Evelyn Wrench, the Founder and indefatigable Secretary of the League?

Subscriptions of any amount, which I suggest be limited to \$5, will be gratefully received by me and forwarded to Headquarters.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. R. EDWARDS,
Hon. Corr. Secy.

Hongkong, November 25, 1927.

OBITUARY.

SHANGHAI FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Shanghai, Nov. 24.

The death has occurred of M. Legendre, who has been the Secretary of the French Municipal Council since 1919.—*Reuter.*

Former Austrian Premier.

Vienna, Nov. 24.

The death has occurred of Prince Alfred of Windisch-Graetz, the former Austrian Prime Minister, and president of the Austrian Upper House for 21 years.—*Reuter.*

Rear Admiral Bullard.

Washington, Nov. 24.

The death has occurred of Rear Admiral William Bullard, the chairman of the Federal Radio Commission.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The late Rear Admiral William Hannum Grubb Bullard, U.S.N., was born in 1886 and graduated at the U. S. Naval Academy when 20 years of age. He gained rapid promotion and became Rear Admiral in 1919. He served in the Spanish-American War, on the "Columbia," and from 1907 to 1911 he was at the Naval Academy, where he organised the Department of Electric Engineering. He was Superintendent of the Naval Radio Service from 1912 to 1916. In the Great War, he served in the Atlantic Fleet and in the American Division of Battleships in the British Grand Fleet. Rear Admiral Bullard was also a member of the Inter-Allied commission to put into effect the naval terms of the Armistice with Austria-Hungary and received the surrender of the Austro-Hungarian Fleet. He was Director of Naval Communications from 1919 to 1921. In 1922, he was Commander of the Yangtze Patrol Force, U. S. Asiatic Fleet, and in September of that year he retired. He held several foreign decorations, including that of Commander of the Legion of Honour.]

The Very Idea!

Coming across a coin of uncertain location (writes correspondent). I asked the opinion of a reputed authority regarding it.

"Go round and let Wattie see it," he advised.

"That's the beadle of the auld kirk. I did not know he was an expert?"

"Not quite an expert, perhaps. But he was telling me the other day that he thinks he must now have a specimen of every foreign coin that's minted. He has got them in the plate!"

Astounding disclosures of secret warfare between two rival Macedonian murder clubs were made at the three days' trial of Boris Prescheff, a Macedonian Automatonist. He was sentenced to three and a half years' penal servitude for attempting to murder Ivanoff and Athanasow, members of a rival Federalist organisation.

An official of the Yugoslav Legation proved that Prescheff in December 1925 offered his services as political murderer to the Belgrade police, guaranteeing to despatch any Bulgarian the Yugoslavs might desire. He was imprisoned by the Yugoslavs.

Ivanoff declared that the rival organisations carried out in all twenty-six political murders. He gave the total of deaths caused in thirty years' conflict between Macedonian organisations as 80,000.

Prescheff, who came to Vienna with a letter from his organisation instructing him to buy one case of second-class wares or two cases of first-class wares or two cases of second-class—meaning that he was to assassinate the rival chief or two members of his organisation—entered his victims' house last December and fired nine shots, which, however, only caused wounds.

Bookmaker at Lambeth: If anybody is going to the dogs, I am.

Solicitor at Willesden: Married women do not go to dances by themselves without their wedding-rings. Mr. Lee, magistrate: That is a rash statement nowadays.

Worcestershire man in a licensing prosecution: No man with proper eyesight could miss seeing a beer engine. Barrister: You have spoken feelingly for all of us.

Judge Higgins, at Newton Abbot: Although a doctor may certify that a man is not fit to go into the witnessbox, it would not hurt a man if he is going there to tell the truth.

"We have had a good time playing postman!" exclaimed the small hopeful of the family. "We gave a letter to every lady in the stair."

"Oh! Where did you get the letters, dearie?" said the mother. "In your trunk in the clothes closet all tied with blue ribbon."

The American is a profound disbeliever in democracy.—Sir Sidney Low.

Modern science is almost as expensive as modern warfare.—Sir John Russell.

The world is swarming with mad hatters in every form and variety.—Rev. Walter Wynn.

The hearts of many boys are broken in the first three months after they leave school.—Mr. J. J. Mallon.

It is time the politician and the business man spoke respectfully of each other.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The bobbed-haired, scantily-clad flapper was making her application at the penny gates, and St. Peter was putting her through her catechism.

"What was your occupation on earth?" he inquired.

"Men called me a gold-digger," she said.

"I am sorry, but on account of the paying we can't have you in here."

Murphy, one of the most popular animals in the London Zoo, is dead, and thousands who have seen his grotesque antics will mourn him.

The recent cold summer was, however, too much for the orang-outang, and one night, alone in his splendid cage, he died from congestion of the lungs.

Two years ago Murphy was just an ordinary, unknown animal somewhere in the Malay Islands. He was never really happy in London, although he made many friends. His skilful boxing always delighted the crowd, and whenever he saw a chance he would whip the keeper's hat off and put it on his own head. Then up and down his cage he would strut, very pleased with himself.

Perhaps, Murphy's greatest delight was to take the wheel of the Zoo's motor van, and wearing a keeper's hat, drive it about the Gardens. But, as his ideas of what a motor could do were somewhat original, he was not often given this honour, though he would sometimes have a ride seated beside the driver.

If given a newspaper he would sit looking at it all day, turning over the pages as if he understood every word. And he would sleep with it over his head in the approved "after dinner" manner.

Murphy was only seven years old. An orang-outang may live as long as 19 years.

COUNCIL'S RIGHTS.

IMPORTANT SHANGHAI DECISION.

NEWSPAPER GETS DAMAGES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 25. The Court of Consuls, composed of Mr. E. S. Cunningham, Mr. N. Aall and Sir Sidney Garton C.M.G., Consuls-General for U.S.A., Norway and Great Britain respectively, have awarded the China Publishing Company Co., Inc., the proprietors of the *China Courier*, one dollar as damages in its suit against the Shanghai Municipal Council, in which the Company claimed \$50,000 as damages for the wrongful discontinuance of the electric current supply to its printing plant, arising from its refusal to pay increased rates.

Council Upheld.

Shanghai, Nov. 25. The \$50,000 damage suit brought by the China Publishing Company, the publishers of the *China Courier*, against the Municipal Council has come up before the Court of Consuls.

The Court upholds the Council's discontinuance of electric power for the printing plant, and awards the company nominal damages of one dollar in respect of the "unreasonable" discontinuance, without previous notice, of the supply of current for electric light and fans.

The parties are to pay their own costs.—*Reuter*.

An Important Decision.

It will be remembered that the plaintiff Company claimed damages against the Council because the latter had cut off the power to lights and fans without notice of their intention to discontinue the supply of current to the petitioners' printing press and linotype machines. The reason for this discontinuance of power was due to the petitioners' refusal to pay the 16 per cent. tax levied by the Council.

The case for the Municipal Council was that the plaintiffs refused to pay the Municipal rates legally demanded of them and that the defendants were justified in discontinuing the supply of electric lighting and power to the plaintiffs. The Council argued that "they are an elected body, in whom is vested, by virtue of the Land Regulations, the control of the foreign Settlement within the limits therein specified including police, public works, public health, education, electric lighting of a public and private nature and all other matters connected with the municipal or public welfare."

In the pleadings that were filed before the hearing, the municipal Council contended "that no person or corporation is entitled to demand or enjoy the benefit of the municipal or public services provided by the defendants and financed by the general body of ratepayers, including that of electric lighting or power, except in the capacity of a law-abiding citizen or ratepayer."

In the alternative, the defendants say that it is implied term of any contract between the supply of electric lighting or power, and, or the consideration upon which the defendants agreed to supply the plaintiffs with such electric lighting or power, that the plaintiffs should pay all rates for which they were or might be lawfully liable.

The New Rates.

"At the annual general meeting of foreign ratepayers held in accordance with the provisions of the Land Regulations, on the 13th day of April, 1927, a resolution was lawfully passed that for the year commencing July 1, 1927, a general municipal rate should be levied at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum upon the rateable value of all occupied premises within the limits of the said Foreign Settlement."

"In accordance with the said resolution, lawful demand was made by the defendants through their servants upon the plaintiffs for the payment of the sum of Tls. 69.60 being the said general municipal rate lawfully due upon the premises occupied by the plaintiffs within the said Foreign Settlement for the period from July 1, 1927, to September 30, 1927. The plaintiffs nevertheless refused to pay the said general municipal rate or any of it."

"The defendants say that the plaintiffs, having refused to pay the said general municipal rate legally demanded of them, were no longer entitled to the benefit of the supply of the municipal electric or lighting power and the defendants, accordingly, as they were lawfully entitled to do, informed the plaintiffs that unless they paid the said lawful municipal rate, the supply of electric power to them would be discontinued."

WOMEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

TWO MEN CENSURED FOR NOT INTERFERING.

"NOT THEIR AFFAIR."

Two men, both of whom claimed that they could not separate four women, who were struggling together, because they were of the opposite sex, drew forth strong comment from Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, before whom they gave evidence in an assault case.

Three women were charged with assaulting a fourth woman during a quarrel on November 16 outside 2, Wing Wah Terrace. The assaulted woman, in a delicate condition, was in hospital for a week after the incident. Detective Sgt. Byron prosecuted.

One witness stated that he saw the four women struggling. The second defendant was holding the complainant, the first was kicking her, and the third was punching her. He could not interfere, he added, because he was of the opposite sex.

His Worship: Yet you are human. Yes, but they would have said I was taking the part of the complainant.

Continuing, witness added that he saw the complainant kicked many times.

His Worship: And yet you did nothing to stop it, a strong man like you. That was a brave sort of thing to do.

A second witness also said he did not interfere because he was a man and the fight was among women.

His Worship: As a man I should have thought you would have done so.

Sgt. Byron explained that the complainant did not feel unwell until some time after the alleged assault. She then went to hospital, and the police arrested the three defendants.

His Worship remarked that the medical certificate merely said that she had suffered from a slight internal hemorrhage.

Sgt. Byron replied that Dr. J. H. Craig had said it might have been caused either by a kick or by her condition.

The first defendant admitted assaulting the complainant, and added that the other two defendants were trying to separate them. The second and third defendants agreed to this, the second saying "I was even so kind as to give the complainant a cup of tea."

After the principal tenant of the house had given evidence on behalf of the defendants, his Worship intimated that he would like to hear the medical evidence.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock for the attendance of Dr. J. H. Craig.

CHINESE DOCTOR SUED.

CASE TO BE HEARD IN COURT.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. J. M. Xavier, of 9, Chi Wo Street, second floor, Yaumatei, sued Dr. T. P. Woo, medical practitioner of 34, Queen's Road Central, for \$790 under an L.O.U. The plaintiff appeared in person and Mr. C. A. S. Hicks defended. The case was called up in the usual Friday list and was not down for hearing.

Mr. Russ stated that he understood there were other promissory notes outstanding to an amount of something like \$9,000. He would raise the defence of "splitting" (involving the right to recover in one claim).

His Lordship remarked that Mr. Russ could bring that point forward at the hearing.

The plaintiff suggested that his Lordship should take the case in chambers, but Mr. Justice Wood declined to do so, saying he would bring the case into Court for trial.

Mr. Russ remarked that he noticed the Press were represented, and expressed the hope that the case would not be reported, seeing that the defendant was a professional gentleman.

His Lordship replied that he could not comment on that. "There is," he added, "no privacy in open court."

Mr. Russ said there was no question of privacy, but there was of etiquette.

The hearing of the case was fixed for Wednesday morning next.

Sub-Inspector Dick applied before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for the confiscation of 43 jars of Chinese wine, which were found unclaimed in a sampan near the Shamshui Ferry on November 19th. His Worship made the necessary order.

CANTON EASIER.

DOUBTFUL MILITARY LEADERS.

WAITING AND WATCHING.

Tension at Canton has relaxed, and, despite the concentrating of troops of both the new "Leftist" Government and the Kwangsi-ites in West River districts, many are of the opinion that it will take some time before the "expected" conflict will materialise.

The undermining of the influence of the "Kwangsi Clique," headed by General Li Chai-sum, is said to be the real motive for the recent coup; consequently, all the Kwangsi troops, or troops who show sympathy to the latter are to be eliminated, if possible.

Counter-attacks by the Kwangsi troops who evacuated Kwangtung recently, are expected to be only a matter of time, for the "Leftists" in Canton and the Nanking Government are bitter enemies. To the Nanking Government, Canton is not only important from the military and the financial points of view, but the Nanking faction has always regarded Kwangtung as a safe home to which they could move if they should fail in the Northern expedition against Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

An Alliance?

An Alliance between the "Kwangsi Clique" and the Nanking Government to re-take Canton from the "Leftist" Government is expected by some to be likely.

Why the Kwangsi in the West River district have not started their attack on the "Ironside" at Samshui and why in the past two days the attitude of General Li Chai-sum at Shanghai appears to be one of waiting and watching is explained by three factors.

Firstly, the armies of General Li Chung-yan, the Kwangsi military leader of the Nanking Government, have recently captured Wuchang and Hankow from General Tang Sen-eh. General Li Chung-yan, who is also one of the chief members of the "Kwangsi clique," is busy in Hupeh aiming to conquer that Province. Situation on the Upper Yangtze, Hupeh admittedly is important from the strategic point of view and therefore is worth the attention of Li Chung-yan, who for the time being cannot spare his troops from Hupeh to assist General Wang Shao-hung to recapture Canton.

Secondly, reports in the vernacular papers declare that not a few of the followers of Wang Shao-hung in Kwangsi province are taking a different view of the situation from that of their chief. To be more precise, most of them are said not to be faithful to Wang.

Thirdly, the troops of Wang Shao-hung alone will not be strong enough to meet the "Ironside," and much help will be needed from the present "neutral" military leaders of Kwangtung, or of the adjacent provinces if Kwangtung is to be subjugated.

Doubtful Generals.

These generals are Chang Ming-shin, of Fukien; Chien Ta-chun and Fang Ting-yung who headed the anti-Tang Sen-eh campaign in Hunan recently by orders of Li Chai-sum. Though these generals may show sympathy with the Kwangsi-ites, they are not members of the "Kwangsi clique." If Kwangtung should be captured by the united forces of the "Ironside," then the future military power in Kwangtung will be in the hands of four chiefs, of which Kwangsi will have but one.

Thus the attempt by the Kwangsi-ites to get Kwangtung completely under their control, as when Li Chai-sum was at Canton, would be by no means easy. For this reason, Wang Shao-hung is expected to wait for the help of Li Chung-yan to complete his military campaign in Hupeh and then to seek to capture Kwangtung with only Kwangsi forces.

Because of these factors, it is thought that military leaders of Kwangtung who are "on the fence" will most likely show a willingness to join the "Leftist" Government at present and the troops of Wang Shao-hung return to Kwangsi, awaiting an opportune moment to strike.

FAMILY QUARREL.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Following a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman living at No. 301, Lai-chikok Road jumped into the Harbour, with a view to ending her life. She was rescued from the water but not until she was almost drowned.

The woman was immediately removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital and was later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital. At the moment her condition is still regarded as serious.

ACCOUNTANT SENT TO GAOL.

LOCAL EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

Having pleaded guilty when charged with the embezzlement of \$8,568.69 belonging to the Man Kwok Restaurant of West Point, as well as to a charge of falsifying the books of the Restaurant to the extent of \$5,253.30, at a hearing last week, the accountant of the Man Kwok Restaurant was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning in order that sentence might be passed on him.

At the last hearing, Mr. Lindsell had deferred sentence so that the police might have a further opportunity of recovering some of the money embezzled.

It was indicated this morning by the prosecution that a draft representing about \$7,000 Hongkong currency was recovered and that the defendant's relations had promised to refund \$1,000 to the proprietor of the Restaurant.

Mr. Lindsell then passed sentence of four months' hard labour on each charge.

FRICTION IN BOTH CAMPS.

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to within a few miles of the capital, and are within close distance of troops liable to attack the town. This news, however, needs official confirmation.

The effect of all this state of indecision and uncertainty has been to intensify political agitation. The Alliance of Peasants, Workers, Merchants and Students, recently formed to combat the spirit of militarism that is abroad, organised a grand demonstration on the 8th, near the South Gate of the City, and some 10,000 persons attended. A dozen orators exhorted the soldiers in the crowd to resist the invaders. A procession was then formed, and students profited by the occasion to scold at the delegate sent here by the Nanking Government.—*Indo-Pacific*.

SHANGHAI PICKETS.

Fire at B.A.T. Workers.

Shanghai, Nov. 24. Four Chinese were wounded by rifle fire when employees of the British American Tobacco Company were fired on by strike pickets while crossing the Whangpo River.—*Naval Wireless*.

TREATY RULING.

Nationalists Must be Consulted.

Shanghai, Nov. 24. Mr. C. C. Wu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has issued the following declaration:

"Firstly, as there is no reason for the existence of unequal treaties and agreements between the former Chinese Governments and the governments, corporations or individuals of foreign States, they shall be abrogated within the shortest possible period.

"Secondly, those treaties and agreements whose term has expired have as a matter of course become null and void.

"Thirdly, any treaty or agreement purporting to be made by any Chinese authority with any foreign government, corporation or individual, without the participation or sanction of the Nationalist Government is of no validity whatsoever.

"Fourthly, no treaty or agreement relating to China to which the Nationalist Government is not a party, shall be deemed binding on China."—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.



The late M. J. Bratiano, the Rumanian Premier, whose unexpected death has caused a great deal of misgiving in Europe, owing to the likelihood of a revival of the movement to place Prince Carol on the throne.

WORLD NEEDS.

HOW CHRIST BROUGHT REFORMS.

MANKIND'S REFASHIONING.

There was a large gathering at St. Patrick's Club last night, when the Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., D. Ph., lectured on "Refashioning the World." He said in part:

"What think you of Christ? This question is as living and compelling a question to-day as it was when Christ Himself asked it, nearly two thousand years ago. In fact it is much more living a question. Then it was asked in Galilee; now it is asked all over the world. A mere list of books, written in all languages and by all types of mind, would in itself make a formidable volume.

The answers necessarily fall into two broad divisions "for" or "against." Within these divisions we find endless shades of thought. There are the millions who accept Him as their God, and smaller groups who are content to reverence Him as the most perfect of human teachers, whilst in the camp of those who refuse in any sense to follow Him there are men who admire Him from afar, and who range Him with other great teachers; and there are men, who pursue Him with a spirit of hatred which seeks to obliterate every trace of His teaching and of His life.

World Refashioned.

No Christian can be surprised at this divergence of view. The claims made by Christ are not only great, they are unique. He is God and He is man: all power is His in Heaven and upon earth. He has a code of ethics, a code of morality; many will be found who are unwilling to shape their lives by this code, but their failure to do so means failure in His kingdom, for He is a King, and it will be fraught with consequences that are eternal. No wonder, then, that men should challenge these claims. If false they are preposterous; if true no other claims on human life can vie with them. In the crowds which Christ addressed were Jews and Pagans. Both had their teacher: these teachers did not know the true way. He came to replace them and their schools: "he that followeth Me walketh not in darkness." "You have heard that it was said to them of old . . . but I say to you" In other words, He came to refashion the world. The world was in sore need of being refashioned.

The greatest disorder of all was the universal system of slavery, by which untold millions of men and women were the chattels of the few who happened to have the power and the wealth. All this had to be changed and Christ was to change it. He did change it, not by grafting a political revolution on religious reform. He laid down principles such that, once they should have penetrated the human mind, they would uproot the evils from which humanity was suffering. A merely human reformer would have emphasised the evil and tried to frame a law compelling masters to emancipate their slaves, or he would have invited the slaves to rise against the unjust oppression. Christ did neither, but to master and slave alike He said "You are brothers," and He added the magnetism of a personal appeal: "that those who fed the hungry fed Him, and those who visited the prisoner visited Him." He spoke of love, a pure love that can work even for one's enemies; and He made men understand that the beauty of Heaven shone in hearts that were so fashioned upon earth.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 What is the name of young hawks taken after Lent?
- 2 What great philosopher said: "Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors?"
- 3 Who wrote "The Little Minister"?
- 4 How would you address a marchioness?
- 5 When was the Tower Bridge (London) opened?
- 6 Is it correct to say "between you and I"?
- 7 When the sun completely disappears behind the dark body of the moon, what do we speak of?
- 8 What is the meaning of the nautical term "all-a-taunt?"
- 9 Who was the first admiral of the English fleet?
- 10 Who prick the bull with his lance in a bull-fight?
- 11 What is the name of a creature with six feet?
- 12 What is the "Queen of Flowers"?



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EXECUTORS WARNED.

SINGAPORE APPEAL COURT RULING.

The Singapore Court of Appeal, consisting of the Chief Justice (Sir William Murlison), Mr. Justice Sproule and Mr. Justice Prichard, delivered an important ruling last week regarding an appeal by three Chinese executors against a decision of Mr. Justice Deane disallowing their commission in the administration of the estate.

Mr. A. V. L. Davies, who appeared with Mr. P. H. Battishill, for the appellants, said that the whole point on which the appeal was being made was against the judgment of Mr. Justice Deane in disallowing any remuneration to the executors after they had got in and collected an estate of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. This administration took them nearly ten years to complete owing to diverse difficult legal proceedings. A matter of interest, not only to the executors interested in this appeal but to all persons administering estates, was that there was no reported case in which executors had been entirely disallowed commission.

The Court heard argument throughout the day, and when the hearing was resumed the following morning the Chief Justice announced that the Justices had considered the present case rather fully and had a suggestion to make which he thought would meet the approval of all counsel in the case. He then read the following written minute:

(1). The Court affirms the views of Deane J. about executors drawing commission before the Court has sanctioned it; i.e., the Court severely disapproves of the practice and is of the opinion that in future cases the Court ought to refuse to sanction commission.

(2). As no pronouncement to this effect by a Judge of the Supreme Court has ever been reported (so far as we know) and as the practice is fairly common, we think it is rather hard that in this case the executors should, on this sole ground, lose all their commission.

(3). We therefore order a retrial—before another Judge if possible—at which the conduct of the executors as executors (apart from the incident just referred to) can be brought into the assessment (if any) can then be based upon the consideration of their whole conduct throughout.

The proposal for a retrial was accepted by counsel for the appellants and Mr. Roland Braddell on behalf of the respondents.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



THRILLS IN STORE.

RECREIO CLASH WITH CHINESE ATHLETIC.

MUCH HANGING ON RESULT.

[By "Wanderer."]

The only remaining undefeated sides in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League, the Club de Recreo and the Chinese Athletic, meet on the Club ground to-morrow, forming the big attraction of the week-end football. Speculation is rife as to the outcome, but one thing must be guarded against, the possibility that feeling will run high. It should be a great duel, and if nothing other than football is allowed to creep in, should produce a fine exhibition.

The Guards meet the Queen's Royal Regiment in the next most important match on the card.

The Fixtures.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and the referees appointed, is appended:

Senior Division.

Spath China V. Club—S. China, 4.15.—Mr. Phillips.
R.A. V. Kowloon—Recreio, 4.15.—Mr. Baldwin.
K.O.S.B. V. R.A.F.—Sookunpoo, 4.15.—Mr. Barber.
Queen's V. Scots Guards—U.S.R.C., 4.15.—Mr. Gilbert.
Chinese Ath. V. Club de Recreo—Club, 4.15.—Mr. Smith. Messrs. Mackie and Hollands have been appointed official linesmen for this game.

Junior Division "A".

Kowloon V. R.A. Res.—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Hutellins.
K.O.S.B. V. Recreio—Sookunpoo, 2.45.—Mr. Lonsdale.
S. China "B" V. Club—S. China, 2.45.—Mr. Browne.
Chinese Ath. V. St. Joseph's—Club, 2.45.—Mr. Stokes.
University V. S. China "A"—St. Joseph's, 2.45.—Mr. Cowan.

Junior Division "B".

S. China "A" V. Boy Scouts—Recreio, 2.45.—Mr. Presley.
St. Joseph's V. Chinese Ath.—St. Joseph's, 4.15.—Mr. Gilmour.
Kowloon V. S. China "B"—Kowloon, 4.15.—Mr. Samy.
Kung Mo V. Moslems—U.S.R.C., 2.45.—Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

To-morrow's Big Game.

A cursory glance at the fixture list is sufficient to designate the most important match and the one which is most likely to rouse most enthusiasm. The fact that the League has considered it necessary to appoint official linesmen makes it clear that those in authority have fully envisaged the possibilities arising from the big issues hanging on the result. Neither the Chinese Athletic nor the Club de Recreo have yet tasted the bitterness of defeat in the present campaign and it is only natural to suppose that the efforts of each side to lower the other's colour will be spirited, to say the least.

The Recreio and the Chinese Athletic have always been great rivals, but with a league championship in view to-morrow's struggle will be more than the ordinary "needle" affair between the sides. The Athletic will remain unchanged it is understood, and the Club de Recreo will depend on the eleven with dropped a point to the Police a week ago. The biggest attendance of the season is being provided for.

South China and Club.

A much improved defensive display was given by South China last week, but they still have a long way to go before the side can be placed on a parity with the majority of the senior sides. The H.K.F.C. team, too, has proved unsuccessful up to date, and there will be few goals in it at the conclusion whatever the result. The Club should manage to gain both points.

Kowloon Changes.

Two changes have been made in the Kowloon side from that which failed to defeat South China, Eastman displacing Muir on the left wing, while Dodson returns to the rear division alongside Jones. They meet the Royal Artillery on the Recreio ground, and the soldiers being such an inconsistent side there is difficulty in judging what might happen. On form the Artillery should win.

LADIES' GOLF.

DRAW FOR TAGGART CUP.

Entries for the Ladies' Championship close on 23rd December. Conditions are posted on the notice boards at the various Club Houses. The draw for the Taggart Cup is as follows: Byes—Mrs. Maitland v. Mrs. Murdoch; Mrs. Harrison v. Mrs. Sheldon.

First Round:—Mrs. Davidson v. Mrs. W. H. Fleming; Mrs. H. Griffin v. Mrs. L. S. Dodwell; Mrs. J. Fleming v. Mrs. P. Taylor; Mrs. Gilmour v. Mrs. Cameron; Mrs. Roffey v. Mrs. C. B. Brown; Mrs. Murray v. Mrs. Lissaman; Mrs. Shellshear v. Mrs. Pearce; Miss Russell v. Mrs. Bridger; Mrs. Blaker v. Mrs. Cassidy.

Byes—Mrs. Whyte-Smith; Mrs. Piercy v. Mrs. T. S. Morrison. The 1st round to be played by 10th December; 2nd by 20th December; 3rd by 4th January; 4th by 14th January; Final by 24th January.

A Real Struggle.

A real tussle, with nothing conceded by either side, may be expected between the Queen's Royal Regiment and the Scots Guards on the U.S.R.C. ground, Chatham Road. The Queen's have a polish about their play which is lacking in the Guards; but the latter do much to counteract this by their energy.

The Queen's should win, but the chances are very even and the match is more likely to be drawn.

Another Military Clash.

Two service sides are also in opposition on the Sookunpoo ground where the R.A.F. meet the K.O.S.B. The recent improvement of the R.A.F. is an encouragement which the Borderers lack, and the airmen are expected to continue on the crest of their successful wave.

It is, however, time the Borderers found something akin to their old, and real, form, and it would not surprise if to-morrow's match should prove the turning point in their fortunes.

Big Junior Game.

The struggle for runners-up is now the topic of most interest in the Junior Division "A", the ultimate triumph of the K.O.S.B. Reserves for first place being generally accepted. The closest rivals for second position are the Chinese Athletic Reserves and St. Joseph's and a great struggle is expected when the sides meet on the Club ground to-morrow. The Chinese Athletic will start favourites.

The leaders should have little difficulty in adding to their points and goals—for column at the expense of the Recreio Reserves. Kowloon Reserves should do something to show that previous failures have not been running to form, South China "B" should defeat the Club Reserves, and anything may happen in the University—South China "A" match.

The Junior Division "B" fixtures promise an interesting game between the Chinese Athletic and St. Joseph's Reserves. The former should win, while next in running for the leaders, Kung Mo may be granted credit for an ability to defeat the Moslems.

The following have been selected to play for Kowloon "B" v. South China "B" on Saturday on the Kowloon Football Club Ground, kick-off 4.15 p.m.:—Angus, Evans, Tillery, Hirst, Whitley, Murphy; Sapsed, Cave, Thomas, Seddon and Pearne.

The following have been chosen to represent Club de Recreo in their Senior League match against the Chinese Athletic on the Club Ground, Happy Valley to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.:—M. M. da Silva, P. M. Xavier, S. Souza, C. F. Remedios, A. A. dos Remedios (Capt.), H. C. Remedios, A. E. Caryvalho, J. M. da Silva, A. Gosano, L. A. da Rocha, and A. J. Brown.

BOXING TOURNEY.

SEVERAL NEWCOMERS TO APPEAR.

SUGGESTION TO H.K.B.A.

[By "Wanderer."]

A criticism which could frequently be levelled, and fairly enough, against tournaments organised by the Hongkong Boxing Association in the course of the past three years or so, is that articles having been signed for an attractive header, with perhaps a moderately good ten-rounder to back it up, the remainder of the programme is left very much to its own devices, in a manner of speaking, with the result often enough that the preliminaries are a test of patience.

An art gallery becomes monotonous if one wanders round a sufficient number of times, yet the same faces are seen in the Hongkong ring tournament after tournament, the boxers making no forward progress in their art, sometimes going back. One knows exactly what to expect of the man, at least the close follower is seldom far out in his calculations.

It was suggested to me in conversation on this subject a few weeks back that there is a dearth of talent in the Colony, but rather the opposite impression was conveyed on a rough glance over a list of names. Sometimes it occurs to me that the H.K.B.A. is adopting the role of a nerve specialist; too much excitement in one night is not good for the fight fan. Even if it so happens, therefore, that half-a-dozen really good men are in port at one and the same time, to use more than two, or possibly a third, could not be permitted.

Probably this is an exaggeration, but it is my experience that unless the artifice of over-statement is employed with considerable frequency, the real point fails to penetrate the *muskee* spirit here in Hongkong.

We could have better preliminaries and we should have them, even if the items are reduced in number and the distances increased. Of the men who have appeared in six-rounder in recent seasons, there are some who have appeared so often demonstrating the same characteristics match after match until one is so tired of seeing them that an inward prayer is uttered trusting that the next draft for home includes them *en bloc*. It would obviously be altogether outside the question to specify instances.

I have said so much because the programme for the tournament, on December 3rd, to-morrow week, offers a welcome relief from this state of affairs, to an appreciable extent. The main event, a fifteen rounds contest for the welterweight championship of the Colony, brings together A. B. Bennett, of H. M. S. Witherington, who has established a reputation for himself solely on his splendid performance, against the late Stoker Morris at the City Hall last season, and Gunner Hornsey, a man from H. M. S. Argus, with a record figuratively a column long.

There should be no doubt on the score of the big fight proving a success, but more satisfactory is the variety about the remainder of the programme. It remains to be seen whether the men are well-matched. The evening can only decide that as so little is known about such men as Marine, Harris, Signalman Shons, Pte. McGregor who will be making their initial bow to the Hongkong public.

Marine Harris has been fighting in Shanghai with much success and he is matched against Stoker Sharples, who knocked out Sergt. Lamont, of the Police, in two rounds in October.

Signalman Shons, who was considered good enough to be matched against the redoubtable Seaman Chadwick, will meet Pte. Hume. The latter should need all his endurance on Saturday week if the Chadwick home promoter.

A really good fight is recalled by the announcement that Signalman Morris, now on the Argus, will be seen again here. He won a magnificent scrap against Stoker Reynolds a year back. Leading Seaman Wilson will provide the opposition at the next tournament.

Pte. McGregor, the lightweight champion of the Scots Guards, has been matched against L. S. Hall, the Titania fighter.

Another contest has yet to be arranged. It may be that Iron Dux will be seen in the Hongkong ring for the first time for years against a boxer off the Portuguese gunboat, Republica, Jose Pinto X. Silva, or if this fails to materialise, Pipor Smith, K. O. S. B., will probably be given a chance against Pte. Schiff, No. 1 A. D. M. S.

The programme promises much of interest, and there should be a bumper attendance.

At 8.10 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the second floor of No. 49, Ye Chow Street, Shamshuipo. It was confined to a pile of rubbish, and was extinguished within a few minutes of the arrival of the Fire Brigade with two engines. Very little damage was caused.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

MALAYA BATSMEN IN FORM.

A few bright spells relieving somewhat uninteresting cricket, the strong United Services team which engaged the Shanghai Interport XI on the H. K. C. C. ground this morning had lost seven wickets in the fifteenth interval was reached.

E. C. Baker and C. J. Smith were felled by Shanghai in the place of J. T. Hogarty and P. Madar. Capt. Thorp and the Rev. Venn put on 40 for the first wicket before the former played on in attempting to drive Leach, who had just been given the ball at the Supreme Court end.

Leach then brought about a partial collapse bowling splendidly in his first few overs, taking three wickets in 42 balls for only 12 runs. The Rev. Venn was sent back at 42, falling into Ollerdesse's caught and bowled trap, Capt. Graham was clean bowled at 43, Morris lost his wicket to Leach after making 6, and Dale was brilliantly caught right on the leg boundary in hitting out at Leach.

Allison actually fell over the boundary line in effecting the catch, but Dale was given out. Capt. Dobbie going in fifth wicket down indulged his hitting capabilities for a few moments, driving Leach magnificently into the Supreme Court for six, after which he was adjudged leg-before from a ball which appeared to pitch outside the off stump.

Capt. Erskine and Group Capt. Robertson, carried the total from 80 to 133 before the latter presented Baker with an easy catch. Erskine and L/Cpl. Miles batted till 11.15, when Erskine was 28 not out having been at the crease for over an hour.

At the fifteenth interval the scores were:

United Services.

Capt. Thorp, b Leach	14
Rev. Venn, c and b Ollerdesse	28
Capt. Graham, b Ollerdesse	1
Capt. Morris, b Leach	6
Capt. Erskine, not out	28
Lieut. Dale, c Allison, b Leach	4
Capt. Dobbie, lbw. b Leach	14
Group Capt. Robertson, c Baker, b Rawsthorne	29
L/Cpl. Miles, not out	7
Lt. Commdr. Shaw to bat	—
Lt. Commdr. Thomson to bat	—
Extras	11

Total (for 7 wickets) 142

1 for 50, 2 for 42, 3 for 43, 4 for 51, 5 for 60, 6 for 80, 7 for 133.

Bowling.

Innes	0	30
Rawsthorne	1	18
Leach	4	23
Ollerdesse	2	32
Stokes	0	9

MALAYA V. KOWLOON.

Visitors Make High Score.

There was some high scoring in the match between Malay and the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground this morning. The visitors first went to the wicket and at the fifteenth interval had registered 214 for the loss of five wickets. Capt. Congdon was top scorer with a well-played 72, whilst all the other batsmen disposed of had made double figures.

Malaya.

Lieut. H. C. H. Taylor, c Hyde, b Goodwin	85
J. W. Blaloch, c Guest, b Lyal	25
R. L. Braddell, b Bevin	40
Capt. C. H. Congdon, b Evans	72
Lieut. Dale, c Boyin, b Goodwin	27
N. H. P. Foster, c Boyin, b Goodwin	8
N. H. P. Whitley, not out	2
Capt. F. O'N. Ford, not out	2
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wickets) 214

1 for 51, 2 for 92, 3 for 124, 4 for 195, 5 for 213.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyal	15	2	52	1
Goodwin	11	1	48	2
Evans	6	0	28	1
Bevin	5	0	20	1
Guest	2	0	29	0
Murray	2	0	17	0

The Kowloon team is as follows: F. Goodwin (Capt.), J. C. Lyal, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, Rev. J. P. Murray, F. E. Lawrence, G. A. V. Hall, W. G. Guest, B. D. Evans, Capt. F. G. Bevin, and W. Hyde.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

ELEVEN CORRECT FORECASTS.

There was once again a large entry for our Football Forecast Competition last week, and several readers sent in ten correct forecasts. One, however, had eleven of the twelve matches right (quite a good performance) and therefore wins the prize of \$25. The successful competitor is:

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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

Dr. Tarleton, a criminologist. He is called in to examine a murdered man at the house of the Duke of Altringham, who wants the affair hushed up.

Captain Theobald, of Nigeria, is suspected when the cause of death is found to be a native poisoned arrow.

Rosa, his fiancée, daughter of the Duke.

Lady Agatha, an Anglican nun, her sister. She mysteriously speaks of "The House of Sin."

Burrowes, a steward.

CHAPTER V.

"But this is too horrible! Do you realise what you are saying, Dr. Tarleton?"

The Duke of Altringham himself evidently realised the full import of the doctor's words, and something more. His agitation betrayed to the wary eye of the expert that his Grace was keeping back some information which bore on the mystery, for fear lest the investigator's suspicion might fall on someone whom the Duke desired to screen.

It was impossible to account otherwise for the shock caused to him by the bare statement that the murdered man had met his death by means of a poisoned arrow from Nigeria. It was true that the Duke's prospective son-in-law, Captain Theobald, had just returned from Nigeria. It was also true that Tarleton had assigned a lover's jealousy as the motive for the crime, and that Theobald was the affianced lover of Lady Rosa. Yet these two facts, taken by themselves, were but slender evidence for anyone to accept as casting suspicion upon a British officer, still less for a father to look on as a ground for doubting the character of his daughter. Why, then, should the Duke of Altringham betray such deep emotion, and seek so earnestly to turn the investigation in a different direction?

The expert proceeded to reconstruct the crime, all the while keenly watching the effect of his argument upon his listener.

"I see you have been told, what I was told before I came here, that there is no mark of violence on the body. That is not the case. I have examined it with greater care than Sir Philip Blennerhasset seemed to think necessary, and I have found a small puncture in the back of the neck, such as would be caused by a prick from an arrow."

"But how could that cause death?"

"The poison in which the natives of Nigeria dip their arrows is one of the deadliest known. There is no chemical test for it. It is believed to be an animal poison. According to my authorities it is obtained from putrefying human flesh. The slightest touch is fatal unless the wound is cauterised instantly."

The Duke of Altringham shuddered. Then he put forward another objection.

"Even if you are right, I still don't see how the arrow could have been shot with sufficient force to penetrate the skin." He looked up suddenly, with a new confidence. "At all events, there is only one person who could have done it—Falai, Captain Theobald's negro servant."

Tarleton shook his head reluctantly.

"In my opinion the arrow was not shot from a bow. The murderer stabbed his victim with it from behind."

"Ah!"

"Let us look at the circumstances. I have just stated that I don't believe for a moment that this was the first time that the murdered man had been in my house on the same errand. In my opinion he must have been coming here regularly for some time. In some way or other, probably by accident, these visits. He watched, and ascertained the nights on which his victim was accustomed to come, and the hours of his arrival and departure, and the way by which he proceeded to the assignment. The murderer, armed with his weapon, took his stand behind the curtain and waited. Then, as his victim crept past, he thrust out the arrow and drove it into the back of his neck. Death must have been almost instantaneous; at all events, there seems to have been nothing in the shape of a struggle, nor even a cry."

The Duke shuddered again. Whose form did his imagination conjure up as standing in the

night behind that curtain, lying in wait to deal that felon stroke?

"Still, what you say doesn't affect the fact that this negro was the most likely murderer. Savages are violent and treacherous. They think nothing of taking human life. Who else would be likely to think of such a weapon?"

The expert affected to weigh the suggestion seriously.

"It can do no harm to search the negro's room," he conceded. "But, in any case, I'm afraid I shall have to ask your authority to search the whole house."

The look of apprehension returned to the Duke's face. "All the rooms, do you mean? Surely the servants' rooms will be enough?"

Tarleton shook his head. "I'm afraid not, Duke. In a case like this there can be no distinctions. In a case of theft it might be different. But it has been laid down repeatedly by judges that previous character is no guide in a case of murder; and this applies especially to a crime of passion, as the French call it."

The stricken Duke lifted his glass to his lips and emptied it before he spoke again.

"Doctor, I will be frank with you. I have reason to believe—in fact, I know—that Captain Theobald brought home some trophies from Nigeria, including various native weapons."

"That is perfectly natural."

"Supposing you find them in his room—supposing you find any poisoned arrows?"

"In that case my theory as to the cause of death will be corroborated," was the non-committal answer.

"But will it be considered evidence against Captain Theobald?"

Dr. Tarleton slowly shook his head.

"It is much too soon for me to express any opinion on that point. I have to go by steps. I must first make sure of the identity of the victim, and ascertain who it was he came to visit, before I can form any reasonable conjecture as to his murderer."

"And when do you propose to begin your search?"

"At once, with your permission, Duke. I have already given out that I have come to Trafford House as a sanitary expert, which I happen to be, and therefore, no one will be surprised to find me examining every corner in search of defective pipes, and so forth. If you will let me ring for Mr. Burrowes, I will ask him to show me the various rooms."

"But no one is down yet, except the servants."

"And Captain Theobald," the specialist corrected.

The Duke's face fell. He glanced uneasily towards the bell, and from that to the door. It was not difficult to guess what was in his mind. Doubtless he longed to give the Captain a hint of what was in progress, but the shrewd adviser of the Home Office was too much for him. Burrowes and Theobald were the only two persons in the house besides themselves who knew of the crime, except Lady Agatha, who had declared herself a neutral in the investigation. The steward's room he had examined already. It was therefore only necessary to search the Captain's before the Duke could put him on his guard. The rooms of the other members of the family could be left for the present, as the Duke's anxiety to keep the tragedy a secret would close his lips as far as they were concerned.

With obvious reluctance his Grace consented that the steward should be summoned. The moment he came into the room his master addressed him.

"Burrowes, Dr. Tarleton desires to make a thorough search of the premises. Will you act as his guide, and do your utmost to prevent anyone suspecting the object of the examination?"

"Yes, your Grace."

The words on both sides were in keeping with perfect loyalty to the cause of justice, but Tarleton's quick glance intercepted an exchange of looks in which the master seemed to give a warning and the man to promise obedience.

As soon as they were out in the hall Tarleton asked the steward to explain the plan of Trafford House to him, in order that he might form a clear idea of the dead man's probable movements.

The mansion almost deserved to be called a palace. On the ground floor were a state dining-room, and a smaller one used on ordinary occasions by the family. There was the Duke's library, with a room out of it in which the steward transacted his business. There was a waiting-room for callers whose station did not entitle them to the honours of the drawing-room, and lastly there was a

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON INDIAN.

MR. TOM SHAW'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

London, Nov. 10.

Mr. Tom Shaw (Labour), in the House of Commons, read a long statement regarding the alleged assault at Spencer's Hotel, Madras. He was not present when the assault occurred.

In detailing the circumstances, he declared that the wife of a British officer apologized for her husband.

Mr. Shaw declared that he was ready at any time to justify, by evidence and witnesses, that everything he had said in the House was true.

Earl Winterton stated that the answer he gave to the question expressed the opinion of Lord Birkenhead, based on a perusal of all statements relating to the case.

[An earlier message stated:—London, Nov. 8th.—In the House of Commons, replying to a question in regard to the alleged assault at Spencer's Hotel, Madras, Earl Winterton said that Lord Birkenhead had received a full account of the incident from the official concerned, and the comments of his official superiors. He was satisfied that no assault was committed on an Indian servant by the official in question, and admitted the assault by the wife of an official. The assault was of a trifling nature, and as it was not committed by a Government officer, it did not rest with Government, but with the person assaulted, to take action. The servant concerned, despite the assistance of numerous advisers, had not seen fit to file a complaint in the Court.]

billiard-room and smoking lounge. The main staircase, leading past the fatal conservatory, conducted to the first floor, given up to a magnificent suite of drawing-rooms, ballroom, and picture gallery. The second floor was divided into two private suites for the master and mistress of the house, each consisting of a bedroom, dressing-room, bathroom, and boudoir or breakfast-room, the two suites having an inner door of communication.

"Does any one else sleep on this floor besides the Duke and Duchess?" Tarleton asked the steward.

"Mademoiselle Pregel, her Grace's maid, occupies a bed in her Grace's dressing-room occasionally, when her Grace is suffering from nerves," was the answer. "But her own room is on the servants' floor."

"Which is that?"

"The fourth floor, the one I took you up to on your first arrival, sir. And who occupies the third floor?"

"The Ladies Agatha and Rosa have each a bedroom, with a sitting-room between. The other rooms are used by guests."

"And how many guests have you in the house at present?"

"Only one, sir, Captain Theobald."

"Good. And the fourth floor, you say, is occupied by the servants?"

"By the female servants, sir, with the exception of my own room. The men servants sleep downstairs in the basement."

"There is a servants' staircase, of course?"

"There is, sir, at the other side of the house. Borrowers made the admission readily enough. The next moment he saw the point towards which the doctor was tending, and added: "It is not so private as the main staircase, and the upper servants have latch-keys, and are sometimes out late. If a trespasser wanted to go up to the top of the house he would naturally prefer to use the main staircase."

"You may be right. Now, will you be good enough to show me which is Captain Theobald's room?"

The steward hesitated.

"I am not sure if the Captain is upstairs," he said, doubtfully.

"It makes no difference. You heard what the Duke said," was the peremptory answer.

Burrowes submitted, and silently led the way up the great staircase. The investigator took a hasty look behind the curtain of the conservatory as they went by, but not as if he expected to find anything.

Arrived on the third floor, his guide conducted him to the far end of a long corridor, passing on the way a closed door, through which the doctor caught a faint sound of voices in conversation.

"What room is that?" he inquired.

"The young ladies' sitting-room. This is the Captain's room, sir."

The door of the Captain's room stood invitingly open. The expert walked in and found it empty. The moment after he heard the door shut behind him.

A shrewd smile wrinkled his face. He stole on tiptoe to the door, and opened it without the least sound. Peering out into the corridor, he saw just what he had expected to see. Burrowes was giving a stealthy tap at the door which they had come past.

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Mumbles, in response to knocking during the night.

The man was admitted to the house, but collapsed when questioned.

He was sent to the Swansea Infirmary, where the police, with the aid of an interpreter, extracted the extraordinary statement that he had deserted from the French Foreign Legion in Morocco, near Algiers, when he was trapped, via Timbuktu to Freetown and stowed away on a ship bound for England.

When the vessel reached the Bristol Channel, he jumped overboard and swam ashore.

The police discovered a wallet in the man's possession containing the photograph of a woman in a French dress and a man wearing a fez, also a long letter written in French containing a remarkable reference to millions hidden in the Sahara.

An extract of the letter read: "Nobody knows the hardships I have undergone in searching for the treasure trove in the desert."

A plan accompanied the letter.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph will contain pictures of the week's local weddings, photographs taken at the stone-laying ceremony of the new Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, a scene from the A.D.C. production of "Bulldog Drummond," and snapshots of the crowd at last Saturday's football match between the Queen's Regiment and China Athletic.

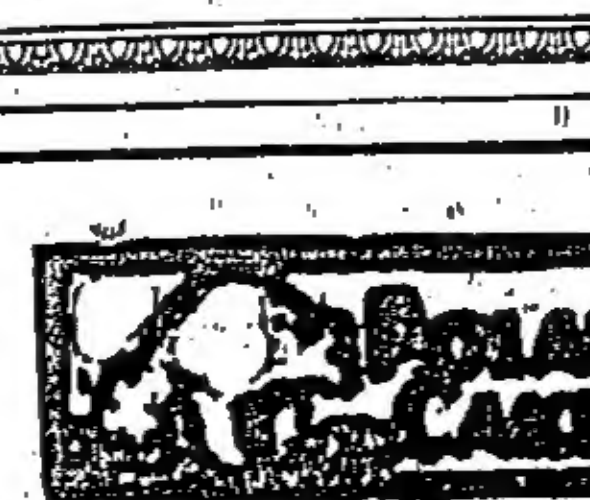
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CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. v. SCOTS GUARDS.

The Scots Guards easily defeated the Kowloon C.C. yesterday afternoon, getting the home team out for 93 runs and knocking off the number required for the loss of only five wickets.

Stiven was in great form with the ball for the Guards taking seven wickets for 33.

Player	Runs	Wickets
J. C. Lyle, l.b.w., Stiven	13	1
Capt. P. G. Bevis, c Freeman, b Stiven	7	1
G. A. V. Hall, b Stiven	11	1
Capt. Drysdale, b Stiven	9	1
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Milburn, b Hargreaves	26	1
H. T. Buxton, c Stiven, b Hargreaves	9	1
E. B. Morton, b Stiven	3	1
A. Hargreaves-Brown, b Stiven	2	1
C. H. Atkins, b Stiven	1	1
Lieut. Heald, not out	10	1
Extras	11	1
Total	93	1

Bowling Analysis.

Player	O.	M.	R.	W.
Erskine	8	1	25	7
Stiven	15	37	3	7
Hargreaves	8	1	24	2

Scots' Guards.

Player	Runs	Wickets
Rev. J. P. Murray, c and b Morris	43	1
Lieut. Usher, c Hall, b Hargreaves-Brown	14	1
Capt. Tyndham, c Morris, b Lyle	18	1
Capt. Graham, st. Hall, b Bevis	18	1
Lieut. Coghill, c Buxton, b Morris	9	1
Capt. Mayfield, not out	1	1
Extras	4	1
Total (for 5 wks.)	98	1

Bowling Analysis.

Player	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyle	7	1	40	1
Hargreaves-Brown	5	1	20	1
Morris	5	1	28	2
Bevis	1	1	5	1

Kowloon Teams.

The Kowloon C.C. in their match against Malaya today, will be represented by: F. Goodwin (Capt.), J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsey, S. Jex, Rev. J. P. Murray, F. E. Lawrence, G. A. V. Hall, W. G. Guest, B. D. Evans, Capt. P. G. Bevis, and W. Hyle.

Against Shanghai on Saturday, the following will appear for the K.C.C.: J. C. Lyle (Capt.), Capt. P. G. Bevis, S. Jex, E. F. Fincher, Capt. Erskine, Capt. Graham, F. E. Lawrence, H. T. Buxton, G. A. V. Hall and B. D. Evans.

CHESS CHAMPIONS.

ALEKHINE NOW LEADING
FIVE GAMES TO THREE.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 24.
Apart from the kings only two white pawns and three black pawns remained on the board at the conclusion of the 32nd game. Alekhine (white) previously held the advantage with one pawn but sacrificed two in order to crown another at the 33rd move. Thereupon Capablanca resigned. Alekhine is now leading with five games to three and requires one game for the championship.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

OPERATION FOR BUNION RELIEF.

INFLAMMATION DIFFICULTY.

During a period from 1917-1924, about 300 operations were done in a New York hospital for the relief of bunions. In this work some 25 surgeons co-operated and one of them has recently reviewed the results of 200 operations performed on 108 patients. Ninety per cent of the patients were women. Pain was the chief reason for operation in more than half the cases, but one-fourth of them had the operation because the foot was badly deformed by the bunions. Indeed one of the patients had had bunions for 35 years and five of them had had them for more than 20 years.

Most of these patients had tried wearing board shoes, arch supports and other devices, fitted by none too competent chiropodists, before they finally decided to have the bunions removed by an operation. While the operation is simple, it is necessary for the patient to stay in the hospital in bed for from 12 to 18 days in order to permit good recovery before an attempt is made to walk on the foot. In most instances the operation consists in the removal of part of the overgrown bone that is responsible for the pain and the deformity. After the operation patients were able to move the great toe freely in most instances, and were free from pain.

In many instances, the bunion may be associated with a chronic inflammation of the joints that has localized to a certain extent in the great toe. When this is the case, operative removal of the bone does not always insure complete elimination of the condition. A physician who is thoroughly informed as to the general condition of the patient is therefore able to decide whether or not the operation may be indicated in any case. The proper selection of the operative procedure in each individual case is conceived by the New York investigators to be of the greatest importance.



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RIFLE SHOOTING.

INTERPORT TRIAL AT TAKOO.

The trial for the selection of representatives for Hongkong in the forthcoming Interport Rifle Shooting, which will be held on Sunday, took place at Takoo yesterday and the results are given below.

A commencement was not made until 2.20 p.m. and as a consequence the light was very bad when the 600 yards was fired. In the next trial, which will be held on Saturday, those selected are reminded to be at the 200 yards mark promptly at 1.45 p.m.

Player	200	300	400	500	600	Total
Mr. Barber	31	32	32	32	32	159
Mr. W. E. Cook	30	35	30	30	30	155
Mr. C. Summers	32	32	30	30	30	154
Serge. Slater	30	38	31	31	31	161
Mr. F. Young	31	31	31	31	31	155
R. S. M. Murray	30	31	32	32	32	157
C. S. M. Proven	32	30	29	31	31	153
Mr. J. A. Lyon	31	29	31	31	31	153
P. O. Wills	31	31	27	27	27	143
Mr. A. B. Gallienne	30	30	28	28	28	144
Mr. F. C. Goodman	26	29	33	33	33	154
Mr. T. Swan	29	29	29	29	29	145
Serge. Quinn	27	31	28	28	28	142
Inspector Booker	29	30	28	28	28	143
Lds. Tel. Wilkins	24	28	33	33	33	151
Cpl. Willott	25	27	31	31	31	145
P. O. Carl	24	29	30	30	30	143
Mr. M. H. Wallace	30	31	31	31	31	154
Another	28	31	22	22	22	125
Pte. Leaky	23	21	17	17	17	85

*Selected to shoot in Saturday's practice.

ANOTHER RECORD.

ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK SHARE MARKET.

New York, Nov. 24.

The industrial stock market has reached a record high level. While the total sales exceeded 3,000,000 shares for the second time this year and the fifth time in history, the sale of a membership of the Stock Exchange for \$300,000 and a record price of \$400,000 and a seat on the "Curl" market changed hands at \$40,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

STRUDWICK RETIRES.

FAMOUS WICKET KEEPER TO SCORE FOR SURREY.

London, Nov. 24.

The famous wicket keeper, Strudwick, has retired. He will act as scorer for Surrey during the next season.—*Reuter.*

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KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	M's, L'don, A'warp & Hull
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, & A'warp
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CONCERT YESTERDAY.

An excellent programme was presented at the Helena May Institute yesterday when the series of concerts was continued. The programme consisted of Romanist music and was rendered in an extremely enjoyable manner.

Well known local artists participated and were popularly received. The first item on the programme was a piano solo "Toccata Fugue" in D minor by Mrs. Cashman. Other piano solos played by Mrs. Cashman were "The Nightingale" (Liszt), "Moment Musical" (Schubert), and "Etude" in C minor (Chopin).

Mr. J. Braga pleased with his solos, his offerings being "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod), "Cavatina" (Raffi) and "Minuet" (Beethoven).

Mrs. Sanger and Mr. Li Chor-chi provided the vocal entertainment, the former contributing "Dedication" (Schumann), "Serenade" (Schubert) and "Lullaby" (Brahms) the last two being accompanied with a Violin. Obligated by Mr. J. Braga. Mr. Li Chor-chi sang "Strophes de Les lis" and "Wings of Song" (Mendelssohn).

The artists were in splendid voice and presented their numbers in a pleasing manner.

Professor Gualdi accompanied Mr. Li Chor-chi.

SOVIET SHIP AT LEITH.

RUSSIAN SAILORS' CONDITIONS.

Conspicuous among the ships recently lying at Leith was the steamer Dekabrist, a 4,000-ton vessel, which flies the red flag of the Russian Soviet. On a voyage from Leningrad to Quebec, the Dekabrist has come into Leith for bunker coal and it will proceed on its way in a day or two. From Quebec it will take home a large number of horses, of which there appears to be a scarcity in Russia.

The vessel has a crew of over 70, and carries about 50 men who are to attend to the horses. Conditions on board ship are described by the men as very satisfactory. Able-bodied seamen, it seems, receive wages at the rate of £10 per month and £1 per week for food. That according to one of the crew, is regarded as good remuneration in the circumstances. It is pointed out that, while clothing is dear and generally of comparatively poor quality in Russia, owing to the fact that many factories destroyed in the Revolution have not yet been rebuilt, food is cheaper than in Britain.

On board the Dekabrist reading and recreation rooms are provided, and there, it is said, all the ship's company meet on equal terms, the captain and officers, when off duty, being on the same level as the seamen and firemen. When there's duty to be done, however, the discipline appears to be similar to that on other vessels.

PROPERTY SALE.

POOR BIDDING FOR SHAIKIWAN LOT.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa disposed of property situated at Shaukiwan and although there was a good attendance, bidding was generally poor, the lot being knocked down at only a slight figure above the opening price.

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PRIEST EXECUTED.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO KILL GENERAL OBREGON.

Mexico City, Nov. 24.
A summary court-martial ordered the shooting of a Roman Catholic priest, his brother, and two others, in connexion with the attempt to assassinate General Obregon. The sentence was carried out immediately.—Reuters American Service.

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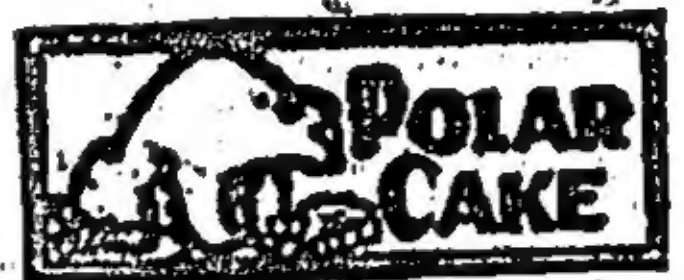
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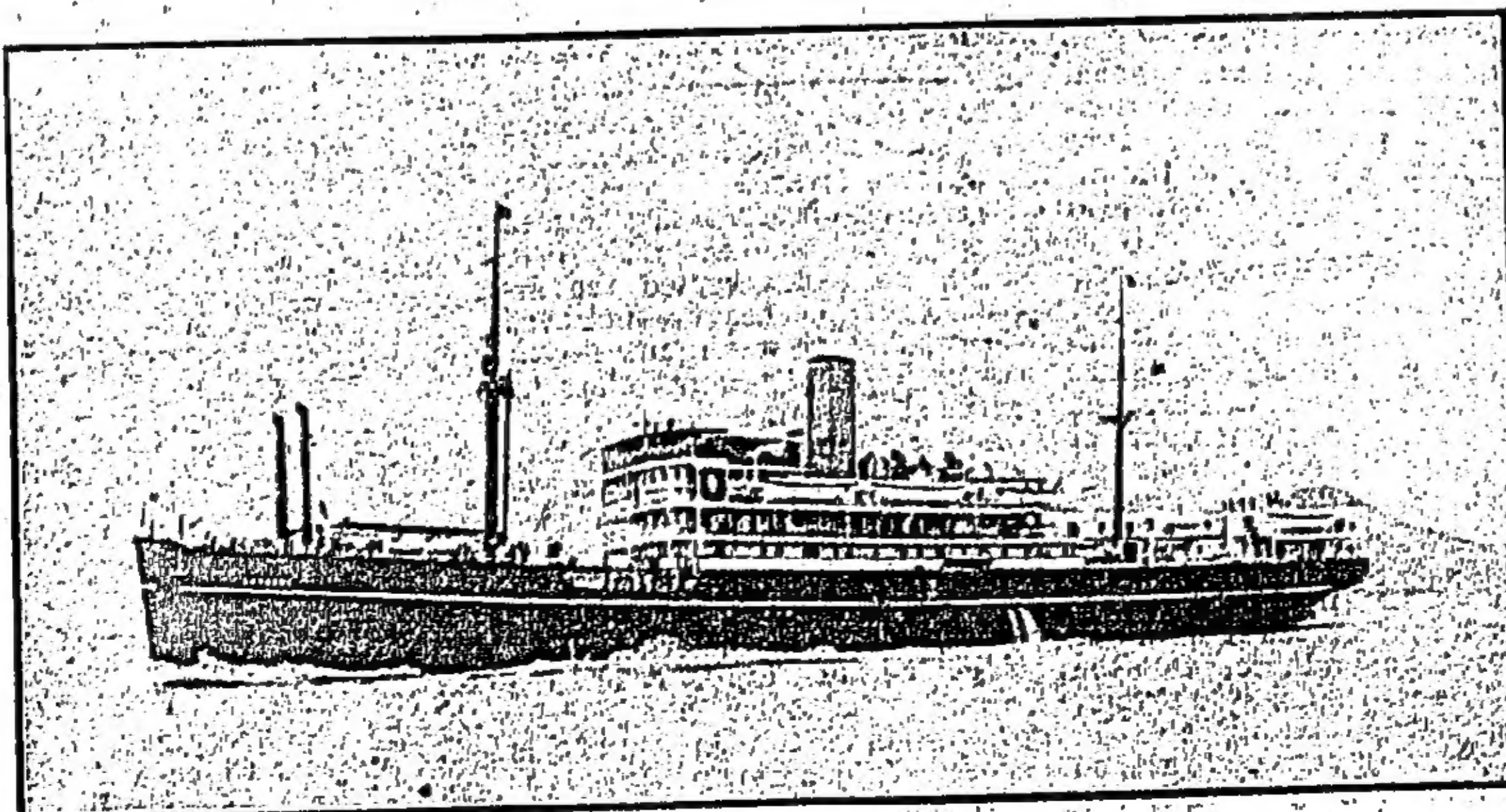
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PERCY FRANKLIN, at 1 and 3, Wyndham Street, in the City of
Victoria, Hongkong.OUR DISARMAMENT
POLICY.

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miral. It was the least military of all the delegations represented. Another criticism was that we entered the conference with insufficient preparation. This did not mean that the British Government had not given most careful thought to the proposals which they would make and the contributions which they could bring to further the limitation of armaments. They had, indeed, drawn up a scheme which would have produced not merely a limitation of expansion, but would have produced a real limitation of aggressive power. It was not, therefore, the failure in that kind of preparation with which they were reproached. It was the failure to deal with this matter through diplomatic channels before they agreed to go into the conference at all. It was said in effect that the failure of the conference was due to the failure of the diplomacy, and lack of preparation through diplomatic channels before the conference.

He took some blame to himself, that he did not try to secure further diplomatic preparation, but it should be remembered that the conference was not called on the British Government's invitation, but on that of the United States. He did not consider whether he should say to the United States Government at that moment, "Would it not be well before you make that proposal to consider upon what basis the conference should meet, and whether there is such a measure of general agreement as would be likely to make the conference useful?"

If the British Government did not do so, it was least they should appear in the eyes of the American Government to be seeking to evade acceptance of the invitation, and lest Britain should appear to other people as seeming to be opposed to the attempt further to limit naval armaments.

A Lesson for the Future.

He thought it was a lesson that such diplomatic preparation was always desirable before a conference. It was also a lesson that only with great preparation could a League conference itself be brought to a successful conclusion. Those who would press these things before the groundwork was done, were preparing for themselves the same disappointment that confronted us when we failed to reach an agreement in the naval conference.

Referring to the resolution solemnly reaffirming the doctrine of the Covenant of the League which declared that all war was a crime, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he did not think the time had come for that kind of amendment of the Covenant. He believed the practice of psychology must be allowed to grow before they could usefully undertake to change the whole nature of the Covenant, and fill up those gaps which its founders purposely left because they felt that to make this structure more rigid than it now was would be to risk its existence.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had asked him if he was prepared to define war of aggression. He was not. He thought the League would make a great mistake if it attempted a definition. He did not believe it would be impossible, and he hoped it would not be very difficult, for the League at a given moment to say who was the aggressor in any particular quarrel. But he thought if they laid down tests by which they must be bound, they would find the aggressor would carefully conform to their particular tests, and would escape the liability which ought to follow upon his action just because of the precision of their definition.

Reasons for Decision.

Sir Austen Chamberlain gave a number of reasons why the present Government could not recommend the signature of the optional clause in the League of Nations Covenant, but said he would be the last man to state that the attitude which they had to take at this moment must necessarily be the attitude of the British Government for all time.

It was a very few years since the League of Nations was created, and since the Permanent Court of International Justice was established. The decision which the British Government did in fact come to, was the decision reached by the Imperial Conference when they agreed it would be premature to adhere to the optional clause to-day. Further, they were not to take any action in the matter without a prearranged consultation among themselves. He need not say how important it was that the whole Empire should act together.

Embarrassment to all would be created if one member of the Empire were engaged in a dispute on which another member of the Empire had undertaken to arbitrate, while he himself had not done so. It was, he believed, common ground to all parties in

OSCAR SLATER
RELEASED.SUCCESS OF PROLONGED
AGITATION.

London, Nov. 11.

It is officially announced that Oscar Slater, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of Miss Gilchrist, aged 80, in Glasgow, in 1908, has been released, after having served 18½ years' imprisonment.

Slater, who is a German Jew, was convicted on circumstantial evidence. The prolonged agitation for his release, in which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has taken a prominent part, was revived and intensified at the time of the Sacco-Vanzetti proceedings.

Convicted in 1909.

[The agitation in Great Britain for the release of Oscar Slater commenced immediately after his trial in 1909. It will be recalled that on December 21, 1908, Miss Gilchrist, who lived with her maid, Helen Lambie, in a seven-roomed flat, in Glasgow, was murdered at about 7 p.m. At the trial, which commenced in May of the following year, in the High Court of Edinburgh, Slater was convicted on a majority verdict of the jury of 15, nine jurymen taking the view that the evidence was sufficient to justify the verdict of guilty, while five declared that the case was not proven, and one expressed the view that Slater was not guilty. Slater was condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted two days before the time fixed for his execution and since then he has been incarcerated in Peterhead prison.

Sir A. Conan Doyle's Attack. Since the day of his reprieve from the gallows there have been at frequent intervals demands by certain people for Slater's release on the ground that he was wrongly convicted. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the well-known novelist, was one of the leading people who took part in the agitation in favour of Slater's release. In a recent publication Sir Arthur made a slashing indictment of the police of Glasgow, the Lord Advocate of the day (Mr. Alexander Ure, now Lord Strathclyde), and on the authorities who instituted an enquiry into the case in 1914. The world-wide protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti a few months ago resulted in the intensification of the agitation in Great Britain for Slater's release.]

this country that even if the Government did sign the optional clause, they could only do so with reservations.

At present there was no great back of law on the subject of naval belligerent rights. We should have to reserve everything which concerns the relations of the Empire "inter-se." We should have to reserve anything which concerned the Dominions, and make it perfectly clear that we would not arbitrate on internal matters. What really could be contributed to the sense of general security or the cause of arbitration by giving a signature to an optional clause with such reservation?

If we were not prepared to take in advance any engagement which at the time might require for its fulfilment concurrent legislation in certain Parliaments of the Empire, that did not mean we were not ready to use to the fullest measure the arbitration for settlement of disputes.

What We Have Done.

Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out what the country had done in the matter of disarmament and arbitration, and said he supposed it was true to declare that we had arbitrated more, and on more important issues, than any other country in the world. We had shown our belief in arbitration in the past, and as we practised it in the past we would practise it in the future. We could not, however, undertake to arbitrate in all cases when we felt we might not have the power to secure obedience to an adverse award.

Where we ourselves had been in dispute, as for instance over Mosul, we had accepted the arbitration of the League, and even when the award was in our favour had used it only to negotiate an agreed settlement.

And, conscious of the risk that came in that particular part of Europe which had so often been the seat and cause of war, and where our interests were most directly and immediately concerned, we had undertaken to bring to the support of the League's judgment the whole force which the Government of this country could command.

Sir Austen Chamberlain concluded, "Has any Power done more than we in the cause either of security or of disarmament? Some have talked more, some have wanted to pass more resolutions and been ready to sign more papers, but who has done more either in the cause of disarmament or the cause of security? Let him be the first to throw a stone at us."—British Wireless.

WORLD NEEDS.

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Among the Children.

From his teaching on childhood Christ naturally directed the mind to the One Who alone can claim the fullness of fatherhood, God Whose providence is marked by the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. Any one who has read the Gospels and who, at the same time, is familiar with the pre-Christian literature, whether Jewish or Pagan, feels at once into what a world of infinitely tender love Christ has introduced us. Somewhere in the bottom of the heart of man must be found the cry "show us the Father and it is enough," at least a dim hope that somewhere behind the limited veil of beauty and love there ought to be a heart of infinite beauty and of infinite love.

But somehow, in spite of prophetic utterances, man knew little of what was behind the veil and he was half afraid to voice his hope:

"The half of a broken hope
for a pillow at night,
That somehow the right is
the right."

Christ took him by the hand and led him to the Father. The "Son of man" and the little children of man roamed the daisied fields together murmuring "Our Father," admiring the beauty of His mind in the flowers and His never-failing care for the birds feeding amongst them. The children laughed with Christ and there was pure joy in their laughter. Later they, or rather some of them, left Him. They went very far from the Father's Home into a land where one hears no longer the innocent laughter of childhood. Christ followed them there, not only in parable but in deed, and He did not rest content until He had satisfied the Father's yearning that the son who was lost should be found should be kindled again in a heart where it had ceased to burn. This indeed was a refashioning of man's outlook on God and on life.

Conversion of Rome.

The conversion of pagan Rome to Christianity is an event of outstanding importance in all history. It gave a character to the development of civilization, which refashioned man's social ideals and outlook. The old Roman empire, with its dead weight of paganism, gave way to the quickening spirit of Christianity. It had new ideals to offer to the world and it quickly found a living language in which to clothe them.

Those who stand afar and criticize have not read the pages of an Augustine, a Basil, a Chrysostom, a Bonaventura, a Bernard. Christ came speaking with authority and speaking to the heart. To-day His authoritative message is still offered. His appeal to the heart is still honoured. He appealed to men so to refashion their lives that their fellows seeing the fruits might glorify their Father in Heaven. A long line of martyrs and confessors have answered the call. Most have heard of a Francis of Assisi, a Vincent de Paul, a Dominic, a Xavier. Many have never reflected that the Church of Christ has never been without her candidates for canonization, or if they have thought of it they may not have realised what an evidence it is to the power of Christ in refashioning the world.

Those who stand seriously at the cross-roads of history to-day and who try to feel the world's troubled pulse must realize that wherever the quickening touch of Christ has been rejected, the old cry for salvation arises from hearts that are seeking peace, and the cry for sight from those who have lost the vision of His ideals.

Number 6 Police launch was ashore in Lamma Channel yesterday morning, but was refloated on the next tide, without damage.

H.M.S. Iroquois returned to harbour this morning from surveying operations on the approaches to Hongkong, and berthed in the man-of-war anchorage.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, has arranged for a free lecture on Christian Science to be given in the City Hall, on Tuesday December 6th, at 8 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Walter J. Kentes, of the Hongkong Telegraph, and Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ray, of 4, Basile, Hongkong.

The Observatory report states that the anticyclone is central over the sea of Japan. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast up to noon to-morrow is: "North-east winds, fresh; cloudy."

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